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## 50 die in Buffalo plane crash

Commuter aircraft  
nose-dives into  
suburban home

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DAVE SHERMAN/AP

The wreckage of Continental Connection Flight 3407 lies amid smoke after crashing into a suburban Buffalo, N.Y., home and erupting into flames late Thursday, killing all 49 people aboard and at least one person on the ground. The aircraft was flying from Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey to Buffalo Niagara International Airport.

## Report: Mechanical glitch caused Guam B-52 crash

By JEFF SCHOGOL  
*Stars and Stripes*

ARLINGTON, Va. — A mechanical malfunction put a B-52 into a dive from which the bomber's crew could not recover, causing the July 21 crash off Guam, investigators believe.

The aircraft's five crewmembers from Barksdale Air Force Base, La., and a flight surgeon from Guam were killed in the crash.

Air Force Brig. Gen. Mark Barrett led the investigation into why the bomber went down.

Some of the recovered wreckage indicated the plane's horizontal stabilizers had the plane's nose down at the time the bomber hit the water, Barrett said Friday.

"We believe there was a malfunction in one of the control services of the airplane that manages the pitch of the aircraft that made it very difficult for them to pull out of the dive," Barrett said.

"It is a known emergency. The crews are trained for this, but with the relatively low altitude and the speed at which they were headed to the ocean, it gave them very little time in order to assess the situation, to recognize the proper procedures and then apply the proper emergency procedures and the recovery."

The plane's crew had started the emergency procedures, but it is unknown how far they got, he said. At the time of the crash, the aircraft was descending from 14,000 feet to 1,000 feet.

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Zama American's Carlo-Sixto Orciga, left, and Yokota's Eric Harvin

**Yokota hopes for a home edge  
in Class AA tournament** **Page 46**

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OF THE DAY

**"Afghanistan taught us an invaluable lesson. ... It has been and always will be impossible to solve political problems using force."**

— Retired Gen. Boris Gromov, on the anniversary of the Soviet departure from Afghanistan's capital

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## U.S. and Russia hounding pirates

By ANDREW NJUGUNA  
Associated Press

ABOARD THE USNS LEWIS AND CLARK — U.S. Navy and Russian warships arrested 26 suspected Somali pirates this week, while a maritime watchdog warned on Friday that pirates are stepping up attacks as weather improves in the waters off East Africa.

The latest arrests came Thursday, when an American helicopter from the USS Vella Gulf fired warning shots at gunmen in two skiffs that had opened fire and tried to board the Indian-flagged vessel Premdivya.

U.S. forces searched the skiff and found weapons including rocket-propelled grenades, then took nine suspects aboard the American ship, the Bahrain-based 5th Fleet said.

On Wednesday, the same American ship detained seven other suspected pirates — the Navy's first arrests since it established an anti-piracy task force this year. The suspects, armed with AK-47s and rocket-propelled grenades, had tried to board the Marshall Islands-flagged vessel Polaris using a ladder from their skiff.

The pirates were transferred via helicopter to the USNS Lewis and Clark on Thursday, according to Lt. Nathan Christensen, a



AP Television News

**U.S. Marines transfer a handcuffed pirate suspect, center, to a processing area on the USNS Lewis and Clark on Thursday in the Gulf of Aden.**

5th Fleet spokesman. Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said they could be handed over to Kenya, after the United States last month agreed to hand pirate suspects to the east African nation.

Associated Press Television News footage from aboard the Lewis and Clark showed some of the men, handcuffed and wearing leg shackles and white jumpsuits, being escorted from helicopters onto the ship.

They were given a meal, a blanket, a towel and a bar of soap, but they were not allowed to talk to each other. U.S. forces assisted by a translator were trying to get information from the men, such as their ages and nationalities. The men were then taken to a holding area surrounded by razor wire and guarded.

Separately, the Russian navy said Friday its nuclear-powered heavy missile cruiser Peter The Great detained 10 Somali pirates closing in on an Iranian-flagged fishing trawler. Russian military prosecutors were questioning the men, who were caught on Thursday with rifles, grenade-launchers, illegal narcotics and a large sum of money, the navy said.

Piracy off Somalia, which has not had a functioning government since 1991, reached record levels last year. Somali pirates, seeking multimillion-dollar ransoms, launched 111 attacks and seized 42 vessels last year, mostly in the Gulf of Aden, with attacks peaking between September and November.

Somali piracy accounted for the bulk of the 49 vessels hijacked and 889 crewmembers taken hostage around the world in 2008.

## Guam: Pilot error said to be 'highly unlikely'

GUAM, FROM PAGE 1

Investigators believe the emergency took place between 8,000 and 10,000 feet.

"As they were proceeding toward the ocean, toward their altitude of 1,000 feet, the aircraft was speeding up," he said.

Investigators believe the aircraft's crew did not initially recognize the severity of the situation, but any aircrew would have had a difficult time recovering from such a malfunction, Barrett said.

The system in question was checked before the bomber took off, he said. Not enough wreckage was recovered to determine why it might have malfunctioned.

While Barrett cannot completely rule out pilot error, investigators believe that to be "highly unlikely" given the experience of the crew, the weather, and the relative simplicity of the maneuver, he said.

"We believe they just ran out of time," Barrett said.

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For the full report on the B-52 crash off Guam, go to [stripes.com](http://stripes.com)



CHRIS COOPER/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

**A B-52 Stratofortress receives fuel from a KC-135 Stratotanker. The U.S. Air Force determined that a mechanical glitch caused the crash of a B-52 off Guam last July, killing five crewmembers and a flight surgeon.**

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Okinawa to host  
marine life symposium

Biologists and researchers from around the world will attend a symposium next weekend on Okinawa to share the latest studies on sharks, whales, manatees, dugongs and other marine life.

The international symposium, focusing on mysteries of marine life reproduction, will be held at Churaumi Aquarium in the Expo Park in Motobu and is open to the public at no charge.

It starts at 9:30 a.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. on Sunday. Lectures open to the public are scheduled for Sunday, beginning at 1:30 p.m. One explores the range of shark, skate and ray species and how they've evolved.

Simultaneous translations will be provided for the public sessions.

For more information, visit the aquarium's Web site at <http://www.kaiyohaku.com/en/index.html>.

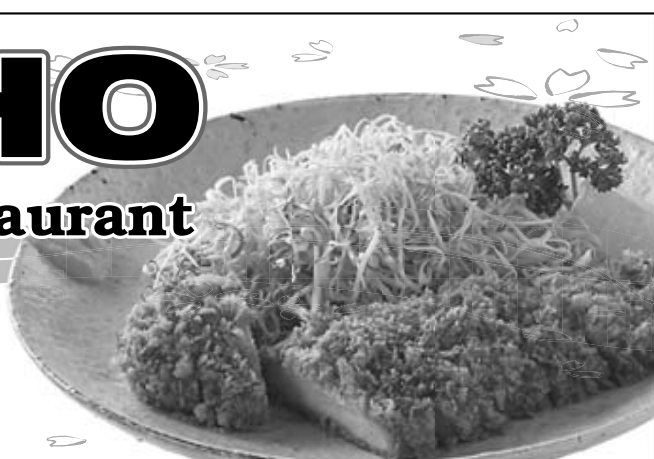
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# How to get more yen for your dollar

By ERIK SLAVIN  
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Petty Officer 3rd Class Blake Jones wasn't surprised to hear that he wasn't getting the most yen for his dollar on Monday afternoon.

Jones took his yen out of the base's Community Bank ATM at a rate of 87 yen to the dollar.

Meanwhile, Japanese banks were offering nearly 91 yen to the dollar before they closed Monday.

Jones, of the USS Shiloh, said there's not much he can do about it.

"By the time I get off work, everything is closed," he said. "If I got off earlier, I'd be at the Bank of Yokohama."

If the dollar rises sharply against the yen or South Korean won in a given day, servicemembers will likely get a better rate at an off-base bank, according to an analysis of Community Bank exchange rates in 2008 and 2009.

However, if the dollar drops sharply, they'll likely do better — for at least a day — at Community Bank.

The exchange rate difference was tiny Monday for someone who needed foreign currency to buy dinner or catch a movie. But someone paying their 15,000-yen rent would have spent about \$60 more that day if they exchanged dollars for yen at Community Bank.

The bank's 87-to-1 yen rate for Monday was provided to Stars and Stripes for printing in that day's newspaper, which actually was printed and distributed Sunday afternoon in Japan. Therefore,



DAVID J. CARTER/Stars and Stripes

**A customer exits the Bank of Yokohama in downtown Yokosuka on Wednesday. When the dollar rises quickly against the yen, off-base banks can provide a better exchange rate than the military bank rate.**

the bank's pre-determined rate does not take into account Monday morning's actual market prices.

Meanwhile, Okinawa's Bank of the Ryukyus, and the mainland's Mizuho and Mitsui Sumitomo, had all raised their rates to between 90.87 and 90.99 yen to the dollar Monday to reflect market activity.

Some servicemembers say that if they're not exchanging vast sums, Community Bank is still the preferred way to complete a transaction.

"It's only a couple of pennies, so it's really not that much money," said Petty Officer 3rd Class David Stine of the USS George Washington. "For me it's a matter of convenience, and it's a lot more convenient to get yen on base."

When the dollar has rapidly fluctuated — as it did in South

Korea in 2008 — Community Bank's slower exchange rate change has proved a better deal than off-base banks.

For example, the dollar lost about 11.5 percent against the South Korean won Oct. 30. South Korean banks adjusted their rates in mid-day to somewhere between 1,200 and 1,250 won to the dollar.

But right up until Community Bank closed, it was still offering won at 1,363 to the dollar. It waited until the next day to lower its rates.

Community Bank referred Stars and Stripes to its parent company, Bank of America, for comment on how it develops its exchange rates.

Bank of America had not responded to a Stars and Stripes query by deadline.

A spokesman at Mizuho Bank, one of Japan's largest financial companies, said the bank usually posts its dollar exchange rates at around 10 a.m.

The rate is generally three yen less than the morning's currency exchange market rate, the spokesman said.

"The rate adapted for foreign money exchange is the same for those customers with or without our bank account," said the spokesman, who could not be identified per company policy.

Some banks, like Shinsei Bank, offer slightly better rates to account holders. Servicemembers looking for the best rate should check if there is a commission associated with changing money.

While Japanese and South Korean banks usually retain their rate throughout the day, they may

## Where to find currency rates

■ **Community Bank** ([www.dodcommunitybank.com](http://www.dodcommunitybank.com)) includes a currency calculator for yen, won, euros and pounds sterling on its home page. Community Bank's rates are also listed daily in Stars and Stripes.

■ **Xe** ([www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com)) includes up-to-the-minute currency market changes. Market rates are typically slightly better than a bank's retail rates to customers.

■ **Shinsei Bank** (<http://www.shinseibank.com/english/#>) includes regularly updated exchange rate information at its site. Go to "Products and Services" on the left-side menu. Daily exchange rates at other banks in Japan tend to vary slightly.

■ **Korea Exchange Bank** (<http://www.keb.co.kr/main/en/>) lists its foreign exchange rates online in English. Click on the "foreign exchange" button in the upper right-hand corner.

— Erik Slavin

change their exchange rates mid-day during volatile markets.

Community Bank hasn't been changing its rates mid-day, according to 2008 and 2009 data.

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## 18th Wing wraps up rescue exercise

Stars and Stripes

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — The 18th Wing and Japan Air Self-Defense Force on Friday wrapped up Cope Angel — a weeklong combat search-and-rescue exercise, base officials said.

Airmen from the wing's 31st and 33rd rescue squadrons, along with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152 from Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, participated in the training.

The units practiced responding to mass-casualty situations and aircraft recovery, officials said.

Col. Ronald Banks, 18th Operations Group commander, who oversees the rescue squadrons, said the joint training strengthens abilities to respond to real situations.

"Our combat search and rescue teams need to train constantly to stay ready to respond to any situation, whether rescuing a downed pilot or providing humanitarian assistance during a natural disaster," Banks said in an e-mail to Stars and Stripes.



CHRISSY BEST/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

**An HH-60 Pave Hawk runs through a "bird bath" Monday to prevent saltwater corrosion after an air refueling mission off the coast of Okinawa during exercise Cope Angel. Cope Angel is a joint rescue exercise between members of the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marine Corps and the Japanese Air Self-Defense Force. The units practiced responding to mass-casualty situations and aircraft recovery, officials said.**

## Club Iwakuni upgrade to improve food service

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN  
Stars and Stripes

Changes are afoot behind the scenes at Club Iwakuni.

Workers are pulling apart the kitchen this month as part of a project that base officials say will improve the food service at the club, which is the only fine-dining facility at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni.

Also, programs for children and teens will get a boost from Combined Federal Campaign funds, according to Marine Corps Community Services.

The club's kitchen and dining area are getting a makeover that should be completed in May, MCCS said.

"It will make quite a big effect on the variety, flexibility and speed with which the food comes out," said Christopher Reitman, deputy marketing officer for the base's MCCS.

Club Iwakuni is considered among the service's best food establishments. It received a Marine Corps Food and Hospitality

Excellence Award for fiscal year 2007 from Marine Corps Community Services.

Meanwhile, MCCS Iwakuni received more than \$5,300 this year from CFC to be used on its family support and youth programs, according to MCCS spokeswoman K.C. Rich.

The Iwakuni money from CFC's annual global fundraising campaign in 2008 will be used to upgrade the reception area at the Child Development Center with children's furniture, a storage set and children's books and magazines, Rich said in an e-mail to Stars and Stripes.

New digital cameras will soon be available to document children's development at the center and the Teen Center will get a wireless microphone, mixer, Dance Dance Revolution pad and black light, she said.

To see a renovation schedule for food services, go to [www.mccsiwakuni.com/se08/cireno/](http://www.mccsiwakuni.com/se08/cireno/). E-mail Travis J. Tritten at: [trittent@pstrips.osd.mil](mailto:trittent@pstrips.osd.mil)

# Military motorcycle deaths rise in 2008

By CINDY FISHER  
Stars and Stripes

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — Fatalities among motorcycle riders in the U.S. military increased in 2008 — and for at least one service, they exceeded the number of combat deaths in Iraq.

More than 120 servicemembers were killed in motorcycle crashes in fiscal year 2008, up from 97 the year before, according to Defense Department Web sites. It's a trend that has prompted safety officials to enhance the motorcycle safety program on Okinawa.

Twenty-five Marines died in motorcycle crashes worldwide in 2008, five more than the number of Marines killed in combat in Iraq over the same period. For the Corps, the number represented the most motorcycle-related deaths during any single year in the past decade.

The military's new focus on motorcycle safety led to the delivery of 12 Hyosung Comet GT250 motorcycles to the Marine Corps motorcycle safety office on Kadena Air Base in January, said Pat Yamashiro, a rider coach with the office.

The motorcycles were put into use for the first time at a three-day basic rider course on Kadena that concluded Wednesday.

Riders who fall under the U.S.-Japan Status of Forces Agreement are required to attend a safety course before they can be issued a motorcycle license.

With the GT250s, people don't have to wait until they buy their own bike before getting training and experience as a

## More troops killed in motorcycle crashes

### Motorcycle deaths in fiscal 2008

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Air Force .....    | 19 |
| Army .....         | 51 |
| Marine Corps ..... | 25 |
| Navy .....         | 33 |

### Motorcycle deaths in fiscal 2007

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Air Force .....    | 18  |
| Army .....         | 38* |
| Marine Corps ..... | 19  |
| Navy .....         | 19  |

Most motorcycle fatalities in 2008 happened off base. Safety officials listed speeding as the leading cause of motorcycle accidents.

Source: Naval Safety Center, Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center, Air Force Safety Center. \* Army Times

rider, Yamashiro said.

First-time rider Cpl. Christopher Strelczyk, who is in the process of buying his first motorcycle, said he appreciated using the new bikes during his beginner training.

"If I drop the bike, I don't have to worry about it. It's not mine," Strelczyk joked.

To attend a motorcycle safety course, call DSN 634-2450.

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CINDY FISHER/Stars and Stripes

Paul Green, left, an instructor for the basic riders course, talks with a student on the course Wednesday at Kadena Air Base. The course is sponsored by the Marine Corps Bases Camp Butler Motorcycle Safety Office for all SOFA personnel.

# U.S. military using social networking to reach public

By AUDREY McAVOY  
The Associated Press

HONOLULU — You too can become a friend of the U.S. Pacific Command, the people who manage U.S. security interests from Hawaii to India. Or you could "tweet" your thoughts to the Northern Command, which is responsible for defending the continental U.S.

Both commands are using social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter, Flickr and MySpace to reach the public and tell their stories to those less likely to read the newspaper and watch television news.

Many of the sites are well known for facilitating teenage gossip and reconnecting old college friends years after graduation. But the sites are increasingly becoming places where friends and colleagues trade information and share ideas.

"It's part of the way you communicate

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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/US-Pacific-Command/61575637587>

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now," said Navy Capt. Jeff Breslau, a U.S. Pacific Command spokesman. "There's no reason why we can't talk directly to the public and now we have the tools to do it."

The Pacific Command's Flickr photo collection — which debuted this week — shows American B-52 bombers flying in formation with Japanese fighter jets during exercises off Guam. Another pic-

ture features a senior U.S. general talking with his Thai counterpart at international exercises.

The command, which oversees 300,000 troops, had only 71 "fans" on Facebook as of late Thursday. But officials hope more people will sign on when they hear about the Pacific Command page.

Northern Command and the North American Aerospace Defense Command gained over 3,000 followers when they posted Twitter updates on Santa's whereabouts last Christmas Eve.

NORAD has been keeping children informed about Santa's sleigh since 1955. But this was the first time it used Twitter.

U.S. Central Command, which oversees U.S. troops in the Middle East and Central Asia, isn't yet on Facebook. But officials are interested in venturing there and similar sites.

"It's audience that you can't reach any

other way. That's the whole point — there are folks who get their information and news through the Web," said Air Force Maj. John Redfield, Central Command spokesman. "They don't watch CBS and ABC and NBC. Not that there is anything wrong with that — that's just how they choose to get their information. And we have to choose to reach them."

What about cyber-criticism?

There's a lot of room on social networking pages for comments, so it's easy to imagine critics — anti-war activists, for example — peppering military sites with complaints.

Lt. Cmdr. Chuck Bell, Pacific Command spokesman, said that's OK.

"That's all part of the dialogue that takes place in the social media realm. We're prepared for that," Bell said.

Pacific Command has no plan to remove anything from its pages, except for posts that are offensive or classified, Bell said.

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# Bill seeks guaranteed dwell time for troops

By LEO SHANE III  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Active-duty troops would be guaranteed at least one month home for every month deployed under a bill reintroduced in the House on Thursday.

Reservists would get at least three months home for every month on active duty, according to bill sponsor Rep. Elaine Tauscher, D-Calif. The goal, she said, is to make sure all troops get time between extended deployments to retrain, relax and reconnect with their families.

Similar legislation passed the

House last year but fell short in the Senate. Republican opponents in both chambers argued that measure overstepped Congressional responsibilities by placing restrictions on when and for how long the president can deploy troops.

But Tauscher said she believes Congress does have a right to set basic standards of living for servicemembers, and too-frequent deployments hurt morale and operational readiness.

"The rapid pace of multiple deployments has put strain on our troops and on the military," she said.

"More soldiers died by suicide

in January than on the battlefield. Cases of divorce (among military couples) are rising."

She's hopeful the measure can pass this year despite probable opposition from Senate Republicans again.

Last month, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates announced he hopes to give combat troops 15 months of dwell time between deployments starting this fall, and up to 30 months by the end of 2011.

Gates told a Senate committee that planned growth in Army and Marine Corps personnel and the anticipated drawdown of troops in Iraq should allow for more time

at home, a public goal of his since he took over the department.

But co-sponsor Rep. Carol Shea Porter, D-N.H., said even if those plans come about, she believes Congress needs to set minimum dwell time standards for future operations to ensure individual troops aren't worn down by frequent deployments.

"Somehow we think it's OK to send our troops into combat for extended periods of time, and then send them again and again and again," said Shea-Porter, a military spouse.

Veterans groups hailed the measure as a way to ensure fairness for troops and their families.

"How many of us would make a career out of the service if we were only with our families six out of 42 months?" said retired Vice Adm. Norbert Ryan, president of the Military Officers Association of America.

"But we had some of these guys going out on 15-month tours, and during their year home they're still away training for six of those months."

The legislation does include language allowing the president a waiver in the dwell time ratio in cases of national emergencies. No hearing has been scheduled on the legislation.

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## Kyrgyz locals are unfazed by base closing

By PETER LEONARD  
The Associated Press

MRAMORNAYA, Kyrgyzstan — For many in this ramshackle village just outside the last U.S. base in Central Asia, news the Americans may be leaving hasn't come a moment too soon.

Villagers voice grievances about pollution, airplane noise and the killing of a Kyrgyz citizen by an Air Force serviceman. Some fear the U.S. presence could drag their country into a regional conflict.

Kyrgyz President Kurmanbek Bakiyev took Washington by surprise this month in announcing the closure of the Manas air base, which the U.S. wants as a springboard for sending thousands more troops to Afghanistan.

Bakiyev's government has accused the U.S. of refusing to pay enough for the base and has gotten a better offer from Russia. But the opposition of ordinary Kyrgyz citizens to the base would make it



IGOR KOVALENKO/AP

**Military planes are seen at Manas air base at Bishkek Airport in Kyrgyzstan. Kyrgyz citizens say the base, which soon will be closing, has been a source of pollution and noise in the area.**

easier to evict the Americans.

Bakiyev is under pressure because of the deepening economic crisis and is expected to call early presidential elections this year. The injection of Russian cash could help him prop up his popularity through increased social spending.

One of the most contentious issues surrounding the base is the fatal shooting of truck driver Alexander Ivanov in late 2006 as a routine security check was conducted on his vehicle. U.S. officials claimed Ivanov threatened the serviceman with a knife.

Bakiyev has cited the case as a

reason for closing Manas.

Villagers in Mramornaya say fuel dumped by aircraft landing at Manas is causing skin conditions and other illnesses, while killing off their crops.

"We used to have pears, apples and tomatoes growing here," said Zima Osmonova, a history teacher. "Now all the trees here have dried out and the crops don't grow any longer."

Military spokesman Maj. Damien Pickart says that on the very rare occasions U.S. aircraft have jettisoned fuel, it was done at such high altitudes that it did jeopardize human health or crops.

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# Afghans plan increased oversight

By JOSEPH GIORDONO

Stars and Stripes

The Afghan Defense Minister and Gen. David McKiernan, commander of U.S. Forces Afghanistan, have agreed to several measures meant to reduce the number of civilian casualties caused by coalition military operations.

Among the measures, announced Friday, are increased Afghan oversight in planning of missions — particularly night operations and those that take place in populated areas.

"There will be better coordination to minimize risk of civilian casualties and ensure Afghans search Afghan homes and conduct arrest operations," a U.S. Forces Afghanistan statement read. "Maintaining the support of the Afghan people is essential to defeating the terrorists."

Civilian casualties have become a major point of contention with the Afghan government and people.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai, who has himself faced increased criticism



McKiernan

from Western military and political leaders, has said the killing of civilians "strengthens the terrorists."

American officials, including Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, have agreed with that assessment.

According to the United Nations, the number of civilian deaths caused by both NATO troops and militants has risen by nearly 40 percent since 2007.

And as the violence spreads, NATO forces have been calling in more airstrikes. According to military figures, the number of air-support missions flown in Afghanistan has spiked from around 6,000 in 2004 to nearly 20,000 last year. The number of bombs dropped during those missions increased from around 100 to just more than 3,300.

The agreement announced Friday comes as the U.S. prepares to send an additional 30,000 troops to the country. Most of those forces are expected to deploy to Kandahar and other southern provinces over the course of the next year and a half, according to U.S. and ISAF military officials.

There are already some 61,000 U.S. and NATO-led troops in the country. The United States and other countries lost 294 soldiers in Afghanistan last year, the highest annual toll since the Taliban regime was

ousted in 2001.

The agreement came after "a series of consultations over tactics and procedures of joint operations," the U.S. Forces Afghanistan release read.

"... The officials have agreed to include more Afghan representatives in the planning and execution of counter-terrorism missions, with more attention to night operations, actions in populated areas and searches."

"We will work together as a team to defeat a common enemy."

For his part, Karzai has criticized NATO and demanded changes to the way the war is being fought.

In a January speech to Afghanistan's parliament, Karzai — who faces a presidential election this year — said, "We don't accept civilian casualties in our land in the war on terrorism."

"We have never complained about our police being martyred — thousands of our police have been martyred. We have never complained about the deaths of our soldiers — hundreds have died," he said. "If thousands are killed in the war on terrorism ... we will accept that. But we don't and will never accept civilian casualties in our land."

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## Afghan children killed in firefight

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A firefight between Australian forces and Taliban fighters in southern Afghanistan killed five children who were caught in the crossfire, the Australian Defense Ministry said Friday.

Afghan officials gave lower death tolls. Asadullah Hamdan, the provincial governor, said three children between 7 and 10 years old were killed.

Thursday's fighting in southern Uruzgan province started with a raid by international and Afghan troops on compounds in a village where insurgent leaders were believed to be holed up, NATO said in a statement.

The Australian Defense Ministry confirmed the fighting, saying it had reports of five children killed and four other people wounded — two of them children.

Some of the wounded were taken to military medical facilities for treatment, it said in a statement.

Meanwhile, an American servicemember died from wounds received when a patrol came under fire in the south Thursday, U.S. forces spokesman Col. Greg Julian said.

## As tainted firm rebrands, Blackwater changes name

By MIKE BAKER

The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Blackwater Worldwide is abandoning its tarnished brand name as it tries to shake a reputation battered by off-criticized work in Iraq, re-naming its family of two dozen businesses under the name Xe.

The parent company's new name is pronounced "zee." Blackwater Lodge & Training Center — the subsidiary that conducts much of the company's overseas operations and domestic training — has been renamed U.S. Training Center Inc., the company said Friday.

The decision comes as part of an ongoing rebranding effort that grew more urgent following a September 2007 shooting in Iraq that left at least a dozen civilians dead.

Blackwater president Gary Jackson said in a memo to employees the new name reflects the change in company focus away from the business of providing private security.

"The volume of changes over the past half year have taken the company to an exciting place, and

we are now ready for two of the final, and most obvious, changes," Jackson said in the note.

In his memo, Jackson indicated the company was not interested in actively pursuing new private security contracts. Jackson and other Blackwater executives told The Associated Press last year the company was shifting its focus away from such work to focus on training and providing logistics.

"This company will continue to provide personnel protective services for high-threat environments when needed by the U.S. government, but its primary mission will be operating our training facilities around the world, including the flagship campus in North Carolina," Jackson said.

The company has operated under the Blackwater name since 1997. The name change underscores how badly the Moyock-based company's brand was damaged by its work in Iraq.

The September 2007 shooting in Baghdad's Nisoor Square added to the damage.

The incident infuriated politicians both in Baghdad and in Washington.

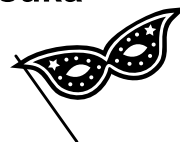
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**Left: Adrian and Stephanie Christopher are one of the two sets of newlyweds that live next door to each other at Forward Operating Base Delta, Iraq.**

**Below: Capts. Jose and Tracy Leon, who married last May, are the other a pair of newlyweds.**

Photos by Joe Thompson  
Courtesy U.S. Army

# Honeym<sup>♥♥♥</sup>ners in Iraq

## Despite cramped quarters, few spats between spouses

By ASHLEY ROWLAND  
*Stars and Stripes*

KUT, Iraq — Available: One cozy honeymoon suite with desert view, free rent, and meals included.

Some customers have complained that the occasional rocket attack ruins a romantic night, but, hey, it's a war zone — what do you expect?

At little Forward Operating Base Delta in southern Iraq, at least two couples are newlyweds, spending their first year of marriage in tiny trailers with walls thin enough to hear a conversation next door.

And they don't mind.

"Sometimes I'll start complaining about something or he'll start complaining about something, then we'll look at each other. I'll stop and say, 'We get to see each other every single day,'" said 1st Lt. Stephanie Christopher.

She and 1st Lt. Adrian Christopher married last March, nine months after they met at an exercise in Indiana.

Their next-door neighbors are Capts. Jose and Tracy Leon, who married last May, about a year after meeting at Fort Gordon, Ga.

"Sometimes you feel kind of bad because you're here with your spouse and other

people aren't," said Tracy, 29.

Their trailers are large enough for little more than two twin beds — pushed together, of course — and some plastic storage bins.

But both couples say they haven't fought much, despite the cramped quarters.

"I thought we would have a lot more conflicts, living as a newlywed couple in a confined area," said Adrian, 27.

"There's not much time to fight," Stephanie said.

Multi National Corps — Iraq doesn't track how many married couples are deployed together to Iraq.

But here, with only around 2,000 U.S. troops, 12 married couples are stationed together.

There were 13 until a few weeks ago, when one spouse was deployed back to the United States.

Both the Christophers and the Leons said they were deployed together through a combination of sympathetic commanders and strategic planning to get into the same unit.

The Christophers, members of the 41st Fires Brigade, expected to be apart for 18 months.

Stephanie deployed last April to Camp Bucca, and Adrian deployed to Delta three

months later.

But Stephanie was able to transfer to Delta, and has extended her deployment for three months so she can be with her husband during his entire tour in Iraq.

In public, they treat each other as

fellow lieutenants, with no touching, kissing or words of endearment allowed.

But they provide a support system for each other off-duty.

When Adrian was going through a particularly busy stretch and getting only a few hours of sleep each night, Stephanie picked up his meals and laundry.

"He's my rock, you know. He's the best part of my day," Stephanie said.

Jose Leon, 33, said he was so busy during previous deployments that he didn't mind not having a significant other with him.

But he likes having someone to go home to at the end of the day.

"It doesn't matter how small the room



is, as long as you've got company," he said. "I don't miss home, because home is here."

The Leons and Christophers said more military couples would chose to go to Iraq together if they could.

"More people might stay in if they got to deploy with their spouse," Tracy said.

As for the lack of privacy, they say it's something they get used to.

And, spending your honeymoon in a trailer in Iraq has at least one benefit.

"We probably won't mind living in a tiny house," Adrian said.

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# Army doc, 74, soldiers on toward his 3rd tour

By RUSS BYNUM  
The Associated Press

FORT BENNING, Ga. — Dr. John Burson balked when a skeptical Army staffer asked him to undergo a three-day physical exam to make sure he was fit to deploy as a field surgeon to Afghanistan.

"Look, I'm training to run a half-marathon," replied Burson, 74, a retired lieutenant colonel. "You come down and check to see if I can make it."

Burson won the debate and was declared fit for duty. The ear, nose and throat specialist from northwest Georgia wrapped up a weeklong training course this week at Fort Benning before his scheduled deployment Friday for a 90-day rotation with a unit of the 101st Airborne Division.

The first of two stints in Iraq proved unforgettable back in 2005, he said. Burson was among several doctors assigned to keep watch over an imprisoned Saddam Hussein.

The fallen dictator, who was three years younger than Burson, told him: "I'm glad they sent me one with gray hair this time."

Several of Burson's uncles and cousins enlisted during World War II, inspiring him to seek an Army officer's commission in the 1950s. But it took five decades before he went to war.

By the time Burson was trained as a young officer, the Korean War was winding down. Years later, after he left active duty to join the Army Reserve, his unit was told to prepare for a tour in Vietnam. But the call never came.

Burson retired from military service in 1985 and thought he'd

hung up his uniform for good. Then an e-mail came a few years ago from the Army's surgeon general, who was seeking retired military doctors to volunteer for rotations in Iraq.

Burson, then 70, sent a reply asking if he was too old. The answer led to his first war tour.

"He likes to say, 'Where else can a 74-year-old go and have fun?'" said Barbara Burson, his wife of 53 years. "I don't know if I see it as fun, but he enjoys doing it. And anyone would feel good about being able to contribute."

Burson isn't the oldest service member to deploy since the U.S. went to war in Afghanistan and Iraq, but he's certainly atypical. It's not clear how many others in their 70s have volunteered, or who's the oldest, said Wayne Hall, an Army spokesman at the Pentagon. Retired Army Reserve Col. William Bernhard, a Maryland physician, was 75 when he served in Afghanistan in 2006.

Burson keeps a steady exercise regimen, working out four to five times a week lifting weights, playing racquetball and occasionally mountain biking. Burson runs on an elliptical machine at home, which is easier on his knees. He used it to run the 12-mile half-marathon to sway the Army from requiring a new physical exam. However, all deploying soldiers must answer questions about their overall health during a screening. Army doctors can order a physical if there are concerns, said Master Sgt. Keith O'Donnell, a spokesman for the Army's Human Resources Command.

Before his first rotation to Iraq four years ago, Burson had to pass

a physical exam and the Army fitness test. Soldiers 62 and older have to do 16 push-ups and 26 sit-ups, and run 2 miles in 20 minutes. The youngest recruits must do twice as many push-ups and sit-ups, and run 2 miles in less than 16 minutes.

These days, Burson said, his preparation involves more paperwork than physical training, though he does have to go to the firing range to qualify with a 9mm handgun — the only weapon he'll carry.

"I'm not really a very good shot," Burson said. "I could probably do better throwing the pistol at a target."

In Afghanistan, Burson will oversee a medical staff treating about 1,000 soldiers. He'll likely spend much of his time working in a base clinic, but could be called to treat soldiers wounded during combat patrols. When he served in Iraq, it wasn't unusual for him to work through mortar rounds being fired at his base camp.

"There's an element of risk," Burson said. "But statistically it's probably not any more hazardous than driving to work."

Lt. Col. Twanda Young said about 400 soldiers, reservists and civilian contractors go through the Fort Benning training center she commands each week, preparing to join units already overseas. Burson isn't the only gray-haired volunteer she's seen — but she said his abilities make his age irrelevant.

"He doesn't look 74," Young said. "He's very vibrant. He just wants to soldier like anybody else, which is a testament to his character."



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Dr. John Burson, 74, prepares for his third deployment at Fort Benning, Ga.

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## Poland wants military commitment from U.S.

By VANESSA GERA  
The Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — Poland expects the United States to carry through with its promises of deeper military cooperation even if President Barack Obama scraps plans for a missile defense base in Poland, the foreign minister said Friday.

The comments came as Obama's administration is still deciding whether to continue a Bush-backed plan for a missile defense shield in Europe, a controversial project that has enraged Russia and created fears across Europe of a new Cold War.

Washington reached a deal with Poland last summer to put missile defense interceptors on Polish territory, part of a larger system that would include a radar system in the Czech Republic.

In exchange, Washington vowed to help modernize Poland's armed forces and place a battery of Pa-

triot missiles in Poland, enhanced protection Warsaw sought against a resurgent Russia. The deal also included a mutual commitment between Washington and Warsaw of immediate military assistance should one come under attack, enhancing obligations both have as NATO members.

Foreign Minister Radek Sikorski said Poland expects the U.S. to honor those pledges even if the missile defense project collapses.

"Regardless of what kind of decision the U.S. will take, we expect that the declaration on strategic cooperation will be fulfilled," Sikorski said in a speech to Poland's parliament.

He stressed that Poland remains a strong U.S. ally and wants a strong U.S. role in the region.

Obama has said he supports missile defense in principle but wants to make sure the system is reliable and does not detract from other security priorities.

Russia has objected strongly

to a U.S. presence in its former sphere of influence, viewing potential bases in Poland and the Czech Republic as a strategic threat. It is also threatening to place missiles near Poland's border should the system be built.

Washington has stressed all along the system's sole purpose was to protect the U.S. and Europe from possible attacks from states like Iran and that it in no way threatens Russia.

Moscow's threats, however, have increased anxiety in Poland, especially in the wake of Russia's brief yet intense war against neighboring Georgia last summer.

Sikorski said the Georgia conflict showed that Moscow continues to think "in the categories of political force, spheres of influence and a zero-sum game."

He called that attitude destabilizing and said it "should have long ago been discarded," he said.

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# Female suicide bomber kills 40 in Iraq

BY HAMID AHMED  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A female suicide bomber attacked a tent filled with women and children resting during a pilgrimage to a Shiite holy city south of Baghdad on Friday, killing 40 people and injuring 60 others, said officials. It was the deadliest attack in Iraq this year and the third straight day of bombings against Shiite pilgrims.

The tent where the bomber detonated her explosives was located on a route to Karbala, where hundreds of thousands of Shiite pilgrims will converge for an important religious ceremony on Monday, said a police official. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

Separate tents for men and women are set up along the road to Karbala to offer pilgrims food, drinks and a place to rest.

Interior Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Abdul-Karim Khalaf confirmed the attack and said security officials were rushing to the scene, located between the cities of Mussayib and Iskandariyah about 20 miles south of Baghdad.

Mohammed Abbas, a medical official in Mussayib, said most of the dead and wounded from the attack were women and children.

Mussa al-Kadhem, a procession leader, said he was standing with other men serving tea to passing pilgrims when he spotted

the suicide bomber walking in the opposite direction of the pilgrims.

Al-Kadhem said a "suspicious-looking woman" wearing a black abaya robe "and with her face covered came into the tent and sat down."

"As soon as some people asked who she was ... there was a huge explosion," he said.

In the aftermath of the explosion, witnesses said the pilgrims ran over each other trying to escape.

A man carrying his injured child wrapped in a red and yellow blanket, screamed at onlookers: "What is my son's fault? What did he do? What kind of belief system do these people have? Are they monsters?"

Hussein Faris, a 39-year-old from Baghdad who lost his wife in the attack and was wounded in the stomach, said people at the scene panicked.

"I was so terrified," said Faris. "People nearby stampeded, and many were hurt by that."

Sadiya Kadom, a 40-year-old woman from Baghdad, said she was walking near the tent at the time of the explosion and

suffered injuries to her legs and hands.

"It was a horrific scene with dead and screaming injured people on the ground," said Kadom.

The attacks against the pilgrims appear to be part of a Sunni extremist campaign to rekindle the sectarian conflict that nearly plunged the country into full-scale civil war two years ago.

On Thursday, a suicide bomber detonated an explosive belt packed with nails among Shiite worshippers in Karbala near

the revered Imam Hussein shrine, killing eight pilgrims and wounding more than 50. A day earlier, at least 12 people were killed and more than 40 wounded in bombings in Baghdad that targeted Shiite pilgrims traveling to Karbala, 50 miles to the south.

Iraqi officials have mounted an extensive security operation to protect the pilgrims, who will be celebrating Monday's end of 40 days of mourning that follow Ashoura, the anniversary of the seventh century death of the Prophet Muhammad's grandson Hussein.

He was killed in a battle near Karbala for the leadership of the nascent Muslim nation following Muhammad's death in 632.

His death contributed to the split between Sunni and Shiite Muslims.

About 40,000 Iraqi troops have been deployed along major routes to Karbala, and officials say security cameras have been installed near the Imam Hussein shrine to keep a lookout for possible threats.

Despite strict security, al-Qaida and other extremist groups have frequently targeted Shiite pilgrims during religious commemorations, which were severely curtailed under Saddam Hussein's Sunni-dominated regime.

Last March, a female suicide bomber attacked Shiite worshippers in Karbala, killing at least 49.

At least 85 people died in a suicide bombing in Karbala in March 2004.

The chief U.N. official in Iraq, Staffan de Mistura, has said the attacks against pilgrims were "clearly designed to provoke sectarian tensions" that many Iraqis hope are in the past. The number of female suicide bombers in Iraq has been growing.

Also Friday, an old mortar round killed two young boys — ages 10 and 15 — who were playing in the backyard of a farm house in Musayyib, about 40 miles south of Baghdad, said a police official.

## Honorable service in Iraq

Maj. Gen. Michael Oates, left, of 10th Mountain Division, cites Sgt. 1st Class Tony R. Bond, of New Bern, N.C., right, and Sgt. 1st Class Isreal M. Reichard, of San Diego, for honorable service in Iraq at the end of their deployment Thursday in Baghdad.



KARIM KADIM/AP

## Turkish bombs kill 13 Kurdish rebels in Iraq

The Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkey's state-run news agency said Friday that 13 Kurdish rebels were killed in northern Iraq during Turkish bombing last week.

The military would not immediately confirm the report. Military spokesman Brig. Gen. Metin Gurak told a weekly news conference that evaluations of intelligence reports were still under way.

The autonomy-seeking rebels, who stage hit and run attacks on Turkey from Iraq, made no immediate comment and the figures could not be verified independently.

Anatolia, citing unnamed security officials, said the aerial attack caused heavy damage to a Kurdish rebel camp.

It was the latest of a series of

Turkish strikes against rebel hideouts in northern Iraq.

Turkey carried out several aerial attacks and one major ground operation against rebel bases across the Iraq border early last year.

Tensions are running high in Turkey as the 10th anniversary of the capture of Kurdish rebel chief Abdullah Ocalan is Feb. 15.

Around 50 Kurdish protesters wearing ski masks threw firebombs and set up flaming barricades during a clash with police in Istanbul on Thursday night, TV images showed.

Thousands of Kurds in Turkey and Europe are preparing to protest against Ocalan's continued detention.

The conflict has killed tens of thousands of people since the rebels took up arms in 1984.

## War contractor settles claims for \$26.3 million

SAN FRANCISCO — A major shipping company has agreed to pay \$26.3 million to settle claims that it cheated the U.S. government on war-related contracts.

An employee of American President Lines Ltd. accused it of overcharging and double-billing the military for shipping war supplies to Iraq and Afghanistan.

The accusations against the Oakland-based company were detailed in the federal lawsuit unsealed in San Francisco on Friday — the same day the Justice Department announced the settlement, considered one of the largest of its kind.

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A Bombardier turboprop aircraft burns after it crashed into a house in Clarence Center, N.Y. Continental Connection Flight 3407 was approach to Buffalo International Airport.

# 50 die in commuter plane crash near Buffalo

BY CAROLYN THOMPSON  
The Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The crew of the commuter plane that fell on a house, killing all 49 people aboard and one person on the ground, noticed significant ice buildup on the wings and windshield just before the aircraft began pitching and rolling violently, investigators said Friday.

Officials stopped short of saying the ice buildup caused Thursday night's crash and stressed that nothing has been ruled out. But ice on the wings can interfere catastrophically with an aircraft's handling and has been blamed for a number of major air disasters over the years.

Continental Connection Flight 3407, bound from Newark, N.J., went down in light snow and mist — ideal conditions for ice to form — about six miles short of the Buffalo airport, plunging nose-first through the roof of a house in the suburb of Clarence.

All 44 passengers, four crewmembers, an off-duty pilot and one person on the ground were killed. Two others escaped from the home, which was engulfed in a raging fireball that climbed higher

than the treetops and burned for hours, making it too hot to begin removing the bodies until around nightfall Friday.

It was the nation's first deadly crash of a commercial airliner in more than 2 years.

One of the survivors from the house, Karen Wielinski, 57, told WBEN-AM that she was watching TV in the family room when she heard a noise. She said her daughter, 22-year-old Jill, who also survived, was watching TV in another part of the house.

"Planes do go over our house, but this one just sounded really different, louder, and I thought to myself, 'If that's a plane, it's going to hit something,'" she told the station. "The next thing I knew the ceiling was on me."

"I was panicking a little but trying to stay cool," she said. "I happened to notice a little light on the right of me. I shouted first in case anybody was out there. Then I just kind of pushed what was on top of me off and crawled out the hole. ... The back of the house was gone, the fire had started. I could see the wing of the plane."

She said she hadn't been told the fate of her husband, Doug, but added: "He was a good person,

loved his family."

Investigators pulled the black box recorders from the wreckage, sent them to Washington and immediately began analyzing the flight data and listening to the cockpit conversations.

Steve Chealander, a spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board, said at an afternoon news conference that the crew of the twin-engine turboprop discussed "significant ice buildup" on the windshield and the leading edge of the wings at an altitude of around 11,000 feet as the plane was coming in for a landing.

The flight data recorder indicated the plane's de-icing equipment was in the "on" position, but Chealander would not say whether the equipment was functioning.

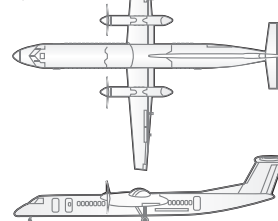
The landing gear was lowered one minute before the end of the flight at an altitude of more than 2,000 feet, and 20 seconds later the wing flaps were set to slow the plane down, after which the aircraft went through "severe pitch and roll," Chealander said.

The crew raised the landing gear at the last moment, just before the recording ran out. No mayday call came from the pilot.

## Plane crashes into N.Y. home

A 74-seat commuter plane crashed into a suburban Buffalo home late Thursday, killing all 49 aboard and one person on the ground.

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## Sept. 11 widow killed in crash

WASHINGTON — Beverly Eckert, one of the victims of Continental Flight 3407, was a Sept. 11 widow who put her never-ending grief to good use to make the country safer.

Eckert was at the White House recently with Barack Obama, part of a meeting the president had with relatives of those killed in the 2001 attacks and the bombing of the USS Cole to discuss how the new administration would handle terror suspects.

Eckert was one of the most visible, tearful faces in the aftermath of the terror attacks. She cried as she told how her husband Sean Rooney — her high school sweetheart — was on the phone in the World Trade Center telling her he loved her when suddenly there was an explosion and nothing more.

Eckert was part of a small group of Sept. 11 widows, mothers, and children who became amateur lobbyists, ultimately forcing lawmakers in 2004 to pass sweeping reforms of the U.S. intelligence apparatus.

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**A gust of wind dishevels a woman's hair Thursday in downtown in Philadelphia. High winds pummeled Pennsylvania, leaving more than 250,000 electricity customers without power.**

# Wild wind gusts knock out power to thousands

By POLLY ANDERSON  
The Associated Press

Wild winds with gusts topping 65 mph blew from the Great Lakes to the East Coast on Thursday, knocking out power to hundreds of thousands of customers, disrupting travel and killing at least five people.

The high winds, attributed to a strong low pressure system, started Wednesday night and moved east overnight, kicking up gravel and sand from construction sites and hurling garbage cans onto busy New York City streets on Thursday.

Utilities such as Jersey Central Power & Light in New Jersey reported downed power lines from wind-snapped trees. About 250,000 customers remained without power Thursday in Pennsylvania, and 140,000 more in Ohio. There were also about 109,000 outages in West Virginia, 14,900 in Michigan and nearly 14,000 in New Jersey.

"This is one of the largest power outages we've seen in many years," said Jimmy Gianato, West Virginia's director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. At one point, 220,000 customers were without power. At least six state parks also had no electricity.

Utilities in Ohio and West Virginia said electricity wouldn't be restored to some residents until the weekend or later.

In New Jersey, a 61-year-old motorist was killed early Thursday in Union County when a tree snapped, crashing through her car's windshield and impaling the woman.

A woman in Newark died of massive head injuries after a tree branch fell and struck her Thursday afternoon.

Wind also was believed to be a factor in the Thursday death of a 59-year-old New York City construction worker who was killed when a wall collapsed, officials said.

# Peanut butter scare changes lunchbox menus for many kids

By HOLLY RAMER  
The Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — The nationwide salmonella outbreak has left many parents in a situation as sticky as peanut butter itself: Should they pack their kids' lunches with PB&J or stay away from the old standby?

Jarred peanut butter sales were down significantly last month compared to the previous year, suggesting that many children are going without their favorite sandwiches even though leading brands of jarred peanut butter have not been recalled.

Other parents are taking a more moderate approach, sticking with the jarred stuff and avoiding everything else, or carefully combing through the recall lists before shopping.

It's a dilemma even President Barack Obama has faced: Earlier this month, he said his younger daughter eats peanut butter sandwiches several times a week. "And you know, I don't want to have to worry about whether she's going to get sick as a consequence to having her lunch," he said. A White House spokesman said Sasha is still eating peanut butter.

In Seabrook, Texas, Dayna Steele is more worried that her 9-year-old son will become sick if he doesn't eat peanut butter.

After years of trying to get him to eat other foods, his pediatrician said, "He's fine. Let him eat all the peanut butter he wants. When he meets a girl, he'll start eating something else."

Steele, a former rock deejay turned motivational speaker, has been holding her breath every time another recall notice pops up online, but she is confident for now that the tubs of Kroger-brand peanut butter her son favors are safe.

"Maybe it's my rose-colored glasses, but I do want to believe that if a company like Kroger, who stands to lose a lot, felt like there was any danger whatsoever with their jarred peanut butter, that there would be an immediate announcement," she said.

The salmonella outbreak has sickened some 600

## Peanut firm files for bankruptcy

ATLANTA — The peanut processing company at the heart of a national salmonella outbreak has filed for bankruptcy.

The Virginia-based Peanut Corp. of America filed Friday for Chapter 7 bankruptcy protection in bankruptcy court in Lynchburg, Va. The company's attorney, Andrew Goldstein, says the filing was "regrettable" but inevitable. The company said in the filing that its debt and assets both ranged between \$1 million and \$10 million.

The salmonella outbreak was traced to one of the company's plants in Blakely, Ga., where inspectors found roaches, mold and a leaking roof. A second plant in Texas was shuttered this week. The outbreak has resulted in more than 500 illnesses, led to one of the nation's biggest recalls and may have caused as many as nine deaths.

—The Associated Press

people in 43 states and is being linked to nine deaths. More than 1,900 products have been recalled, and the company at the heart of the recall — Peanut Corp. of America — is under FBI investigation. Leading brands of jarred peanut butter are not affected, but some parents aren't taking any chances.

Camille Hurst of Tallahassee, Ala., used to buy a jar of peanut butter a week for her three children. Before the recalls, she switched to an all-natural brand because of concerns about unhealthy ingredients. Now she has sworn off peanut products entirely.

"Once they find it in one major brand it is found in others," she said. "Just like in the melamine contamination, we were told it was only in a few products but then more and more came up."

Hurst, 31, said she is frustrated that there is no real way for consumers to trace the origins of their food.

# Recall, closure ordered for Texas plant

The Associated Press

PLAINVIEW, Texas — Texas health officials ordered a recall of all peanut products from a plant operated by a company at the center of a national salmonella outbreak after inspectors found dead rodents, feces and feathers.

The Texas Department of Health and Human Services issued the order Thursday after finding a filth-infested crawl space above a production area at the Peanut Corp. of America plant.

During an inspection Wednesday, officials found that an air handling system was pulling debris from the dirty crawl space into areas where dry roasted peanuts, peanut meal and granulated peanuts were processed.

The volume of products that would need to be pulled back was not immediately known. Many of



KEVIN CLARK/The Washington Post

**Stewart Parnell president of Peanut Corporation of America, leaves a hearing on the salmonella outbreak associated with peanut butter.**

the plant's customers — mostly manufacturers — had already begun holding products back or running their own tests.

The plant, which voluntarily closed Monday, was also ordered by the state to stop producing and distributing food products

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## Stimulus winners and losers

### THE WINNERS:

■ **President Barack Obama.** The new president used his popularity and bully pulpit to get the notoriously sluggish Congress to work through the huge package in relatively short order.

■ **Senate moderates, specifically Susan Collins, R-Maine., and Ben Nelson, D-Neb.** They helped broker a deal with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and the White House that ultimately cut some \$100 billion from the package and paved the way for final passage.

■ **House Republicans.** Adrift after back-to-back electoral losses, they found their voice against a Democratic speaker and an expanded majority.

■ **House Minority Leader John Boehner.** He strengthened his hold on his job, keeping his rank-and-file united against the House version.

■ **General Motors Corp.** The struggling automaker got a tax break worth \$3.2 billion that preserves its ability to claim refunds against taxes paid when times were good.

### THE LOSERS

■ **Obama.** He spent weeks preaching bipartisanship and spending his political capital but reverted to combative, buck-stops-here talk when Republicans rebelled at the cost and scope of the plan.

■ **Bipartisanship.** So much for all that talk. Obama wanted broad support from members of both political parties. Only three Republicans voted with Democrats in the Senate. A largely party line vote was expected on final passage.

■ **The defense industry.** There's no significant money for weapons systems, though lawmakers approved several billion for construction at military facilities.

■ **Homebuilders.** They saw a \$39 billion tax break that would have provided a \$15,000 tax credit for homebuyers scaled back substantially.

■ **Governors.** They'll get just \$8 billion to defray budget cuts as they face declining revenues and rising demand for services. On the bright side, they pushed for massive spending on roads, bridges and other construction projects to bring jobs — and got \$46 billion.

■ **The nuclear energy industry.** It had lobbied hard for \$50 billion worth of federal loan guarantees for technologies that use little or no carbon — but saw it stripped from the package. Count environmental groups and the conservative Taxpayers for Common Sense as the victors here.

— The Associated Press

# House passes stimulus bill

## Senate vote likely to follow suit

By DAVID ESPO  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a major victory for President Barack Obama, Democrats muscled a huge, \$787 billion stimulus bill to the brink of final passage Friday night in hopes of combating the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. Republican opposition was nearly unanimous.

The vote in the House was 246-183 for the package of tax cuts and federal spending that Obama made the centerpiece of his plan for economic recovery.

The Senate was following suit in a roll call that was without suspense but extended into the night. That was to allow time for Democratic Sen. Sherrod Brown to fly back from Ohio, where his mother died earlier in the week. His was the decisive, 60th vote for the bill.

Obama is expected to sign the bill soon.

Supporters said the bill would save or create 3.5 million jobs. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer conceded there was no guarantee, but he said that "millions and millions and millions of people will be helped, as they have lost their jobs and can't put food on the table of their families."

Vigorously disagreeing, House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio dumped a copy of the 1,071-page bill to the floor in a gesture of contempt. "The bill that was about jobs, jobs, jobs has turned into a bill that's about spending, spending, spending," he said. No House Republican voted for the measure.

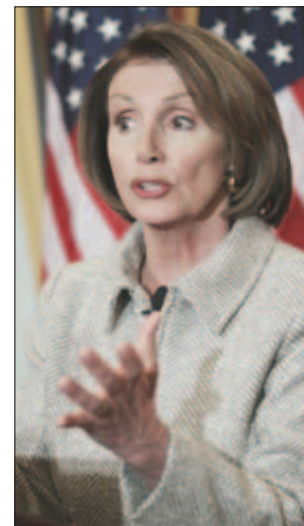
The legislation, among the costliest ever considered in Congress, provides billions of dollars to aid victims of the recession through unemployment benefits, food stamps, medical care, job retraining and more. Tens of billions are ticketed for the states to offset cuts they might otherwise

have to make in aid to schools and local governments, and there is more than \$48 billion for transportation projects such as road and bridge construction, mass transit and high-speed rail.

Democrats said the bill's tax cuts would help 95 percent of all Americans, much of the relief in the form of a break of \$400 for individuals and \$800 for couples. At the insistence of the White House, people who do not earn enough money to owe income taxes are eligible, an attempt to offset the payroll taxes they pay.

In a bow to political reality, lawmakers included \$70 billion to shelter upper middle-class and wealthier taxpayers from an income tax increase that would otherwise hit them, a provision that the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said would do relatively little to create jobs.

Also included were funds for two of Obama's initiatives, the expansion of computerized information technology in the health care industry and billions to



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**House Republican Leader Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, left, responds to questions and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., gestures during a news conference Thursday on Capitol Hill in Washington. Both were discussing the stimulus bill's move through Congress.**

create so-called green jobs the administration says will begin reducing the country's dependence on foreign oil.

Asked for his reaction to House passage of the bill, Obama said "thumbs up" and indeed gave a thumbs-up sign as he left the White House with his family for a long weekend in Chicago.

Congress cast its votes as federal regulators announced the closing of the Sherman County Bank in Loup City, Neb. It was the 10th failure this year of a

federally insured bank and the latest reminder of the toll taken by recession and frozen credit markets.

The day's events were scripted to allow Democratic leaders to fulfill their pledge to send Obama legislation by mid-February.

"Barack Obama, in just a few short weeks as president, has passed one of the biggest packages for economic recovery in our nation's history," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, anticipating final Senate passage.

## Obama hails bill as a 'step'

WASHINGTON — With Congress poised to hand him a big victory on the stimulus plan, President Barack Obama hailed the massive bill and the "spirited debate" that accompanied it.

But he also warned Friday that much more work will be needed.

"Passing this plan is a critical step," Obama told a group at the White House. "But as important as it is, it's only the beginning of what we must do to turn our economy around."

Other needed actions, Obama said, include implementing the newly reconfigured \$700 billion financial industry bailout program, announcing an effort to stem home foreclosures, reform-

ing the regulation that governs the nation's financial sector and crafting what he called a "responsible" federal budget.

Obama also plans to announce a housing program, perhaps as soon as next week. His administration in the coming weeks will unveil its proposals for overhauling regulations and presenting its first budget request to Congress.

The economic stimulus plan passed on a 246-183 vote Friday in the House, and the Senate was expected to follow either later in the day or over the weekend, sending the measure to Obama's desk.

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# Clinton to N. Korea: 'We will need to work together'

By JOHN HEILPRIN  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton urged North Korea on Friday not to take any "provocative" actions that could undermine peace efforts.

Making her first major policy speech amid Asian press reports that North Korea might be preparing a missile test, Clinton pledged to hold the communist regime to its commitments to give up its nuclear programs in return for international aid and political concessions.

"We will need to work together to address the most acute challenge to stability in Northeast Asia: North Korea's nuclear program," she said.

Clinton said the Obama administration is committed to working with North Korea through the framework of talks that produced the nuclear agreement.

"We believe we have an opportunity to move these discussions forward," she said.

"But it is incumbent on North Korea to avoid any provocative action and unhelpful rhetoric toward South Korea."

Clinton spoke to the Asia Soci-

ety on the eve of a trip to Japan, Indonesia, South Korea and China — her first in her new job.

She sought to reassure Japan, the top U.S. ally in the region, on one of its top concerns, promising to meet with the families of Japanese citizens kidnapped by North Korea in the 1970s and 1980s.

"I will assure our allies in Japan that we have not forgotten the families of Japanese citizens abducted by North Korea and I will meet with some of those families in Tokyo next week," she said.

President Barack Obama's administration is willing to "nor-



STEPHEN CHERNIN/AP

Secretary Of State Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks at the Asia Society on Friday in New York.

malize" relations with North Korea, Clinton said, but only if the regime in Pyongyang agrees to abandon its nuclear weapons programs and accept a program of verification.

## Future of missile defense is uncertain

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's go-slow approach to missile defenses in Europe is stirring speculation that he is planning either to deep-freeze the costly project he inherited from the Bush administration or use it as a bargaining chip in broader security talks with Russia.

It's a defense and diplomacy issue with important implications for American policy toward Europe, whose territory the anti-missile system would be meant to protect. And it complicates relations with Russia, which fiercely opposes the missile project, and Iran, whose development of long-range missiles is at the root of the U.S. rationale.

Obama has not said how he intends to proceed, stressing only that the system has to be cost-effective and proven and should not divert resources. But leading defense experts are already taking Obama's constant repetition of those caveats as signals that he is not eager about the Europe leg of the Bush antimissile plan.

"I think it's on the back burner," said James F. Collins, director of Russia studies at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and a former ambassador to Moscow.

## Gregg exit leaves Obama with new vacancy

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Add this to Barack Obama's to-do list: nominate a commerce secretary — for a third time.

Republican Sen. Judd Gregg of New Hampshire backed out on Thursday, citing "irresolvable conflicts" with the new Democratic president's policies.

That was just one week after Obama tapped him for the post the president originally gave to New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, who withdrew after the disclosure that a grand jury is investigating allegations of wrong-

doing in the awarding of contracts in his state.

Now, it's anyone's guess who will fill the job — or when.

The search for a commerce secretary has never yielded a large number of prospective candidates.

There were few names batted around before Richardson was announced as Obama's top choice last year.

And, when he abandoned his bid in early January, there was little speculation about a replacement until Gregg's name surfaced — a full month later.

"The president asked me to do it," Gregg said of the job offer during a news conference.

"I said yes. That was my mistake."

Obama offered a somewhat different account.

"It comes as something of a surprise, because the truth, you know, Mr. Gregg approached us with interest and seemed enthusiastic," Obama said in an interview with the Springfield (Ill.) Journal-Register.

Later, he told reporters traveling with him on Air Force One that he was glad Gregg "searched his heart" and changed course now before the Senate confirmed him to the Cabinet post.

"Clearly he was just having second thoughts about leaving the Senate, a place where he's thrived," Obama added.

The unexpected withdrawal came just three weeks into Obama's

presidency and on the heels of several other Cabinet troubles.

The new president is expending political capital for his economic stimulus package while the country continues to face threats abroad.

Now Obama also finds himself

needing to fill two vacancies — at Commerce and at the Health and Human Services Department. The new president is expending political capital for his economic stimulus package while the country continues to face threats abroad.



EVAN VUCCI/AP

Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., announced Thursday that he will withdraw from his nomination to be commerce secretary.

## 'I'm too conservative,' Gregg says

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican Sen. Judd Gregg said Friday that he pulled out of the job of commerce secretary after realizing that "I'm just going to be a little too conservative" for President Barack Obama's administration.

If you're going to be on a foot-

ball team, "you've got to pull out and block on every play, you can't do it on every other play," the senator said.

"I didn't feel comfortable going forward because of my individuality, for lack of a better term," Gregg said. Gregg said he thinks Obama is on the right track stabilize the financial system.

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## IN THE WORLD

## Serbia will not extradite fugitive student to U.S.

BELGRADE, Serbia — Serbia's Foreign Minister is ruling out extradition of a student wanted in the United States on assault charges.

Vuk Jeremic acknowledged Friday that the case of Miladin Kovacevic is damaging Serbia's image abroad. But he said Serbia must respect its Constitution, which bans extradition.

Kovacevic is wanted in the U.S. for severely beating a fellow student Bryan Steinhauer of Brooklyn in a bar last May. The 22-year-old former basketball player at Binghamton University in upstate New York jumped bail and fled to Serbia last June to avoid prosecution.

Serbia has offered to try Kovacevic, but U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and New York Senator Charles Schumer insist he be handed over to the U.S. for trial.

## Afghan gets life for 'honor killing' of sister

HAMBURG — A 24-year-old Afghan immigrant has been convicted of murdering his 16-year-old sister in a so-called "honor killing" in Germany.

A Hamburg state court convicted Ahmad Obeidi on Friday and sentenced him to life in prison for stabbing his sister, Morsal Obeidi, to death in a parking lot in the city last year.

Obeidi admitted to the killing. He said he believed his sister had brought dishonor to his family.

He told the court he had seen her with many male friends at the train station and thought she might be working as a prostitute.

## Roadside bombs kill 7 in Algeria

ALGIERS, Algeria — The state news agency says two roadside bombs have exploded in eastern Algeria, killing seven people hours after the president said he would run for a third term.

The bombings interrupted a period of relative calm in the North African country.

The official APS agency reported Friday that a first roadside bomb blew up at Fom El-Metlag, near Algeria's eastern border with Tunisia, killing four members of a family driving by in a minivan.

## World Bank gives China \$710 million

BEIJING — The World Bank said Friday it will provide a \$710 million loan to China to help rebuild areas hit by last year's devastating earthquake.

The magnitude 7.9 quake centered on Sichuan province was China's worst in a generation, leaving almost 90,000 people dead or missing and another 5 million homeless. China suffered \$123 billion in direct economic losses.

The money will finance infrastructure, health and education projects in western Gansu and Sichuan provinces, the bank said.

From The Associated Press



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Burnt-out vehicles are parked at a property in the town of Chum Creek, near Healesville, Australia. Police arrested a suspect Friday in connection to one of the deadly wildfires in southern Australia that killed more than 180 people and left about 7,000 homeless.

## Suspect charged with lighting Australian fire

BY TANALEE SMITH  
The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Authorities charged a man Friday with lighting one of the wildfires that killed more than 180 people in Australia, and whisked him into protective custody to guard him from public fury.

Police said the suspect was charged with one count of arson causing death and intentionally lighting a wildfire near the town of Churchill that killed at least 21 people. It was one of hundreds of fires that raged through southeastern Victoria state Feb. 7, leaving 7,000 people homeless and razing entire towns.

The suspect also was

charged with possessing child pornography.

The disaster's official death toll is 181, but efforts to find and identify victims were continuing and officials expected the final tally to exceed 200. More than 1,800 homes and 1,500 square miles of forests and farms were burned.

The suspect's identity was being kept secret for his own safety, Victoria Police Assistant Commissioner Danyne Moloney told a news conference. He was brought to the state capital of Melbourne from Morwell, 75 miles to the east and near the town of Churchill.

"We have a very emotive environment out there," Moloney said. "If we left a person there it would only be a situation where

the people may go to where they believe him to be held and I don't think they need the trauma."

Australian Broadcasting Corp. reported that the suspect was formally charged in the town's magistrate's court, but that he did not appear. He was ordered to be held in custody and to undergo psychiatric evaluation, the broadcaster said.

Police said in a statement that Magistrate Clive Allsop banned publication of any details or photographs of the man that could identify him.

If found guilty, the man faces a maximum penalty of 25 years in prison for the deadly arson charge, and a maximum of 15 years on the second arson charge.

## Geithner steps onto world stage

BY COLLEEN BARRY  
AND ARIEL DAVID  
The Associated Press

ROME — U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner was making a tough international debut as the Group of Seven finance minister's meeting got under way Friday, with the global economy tanking and governments still searching for ways to ease the slump.

Officials from the leading industrial nations will discuss new financial markets rules, concerns about protectionist measures in stimulus plans, and the effect of the crisis on poorer countries. But a major breakthrough would be a surprise.

Geithner arrived Friday morning with Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke. Geithner will update finance ministers on the Obama administration's efforts to deal with America's financial crisis and recession, and hear what their countries are doing to address the downturn.

## Feinstein: U.S. drones launch from Pakistan

BY GREG MILLER  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — A senior U.S. lawmaker said Thursday that unmanned CIA Predator aircraft operating in Pakistan are flown from an air base inside that country, a revelation likely to embarrass the Pakistani government and complicate its counterterrorism collaboration with the United States.

Feinstein expressed surprise at Pakistani opposition to the ongoing campaign of Predator-launched CIA missile strikes against Islamic extremists along Pakistan's northwest border.

"As I understand it, these are flown out of a Pakistani base," she said. The basing of the pilotless aircraft in Pakistan suggests a much deeper relationship with the United States on counterterrorism matters than has been publicly acknowledged. Such an arrangement would be at odds with protests lodged by officials in Islamabad, the Pakistani capital, and could inflame anti-American sentiment in the country.



Feinstein

## Russian general warns U.S. on Afghanistan

BY JIM HEINTZ  
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Twenty years after Red Army troops pulled out of Afghanistan, the last general to command them says the Soviets' devastating experience is a dismal omen for U.S. plans to build up troops there.

On Friday, the anniversary of the Soviet departure from the Afghan capital, the Russian parliament's lower house adopted a resolution honoring the soldiers who "were faithful to the warrior's duty, who displayed heroism, bravery and patriotism."

In retired Gen. Boris Gromov's view, the valor was shown in an unwinnable battle.

"Afghanistan taught us an in-

valuable lesson. ... It has been and always will be impossible to solve political problems using force," said Gromov, the last soldier to leave Afghanistan two days after the Kabul pullout.

He told reporters that U.S. plans to send thousands of new troops to Afghanistan would make no difference against a resurgent Taliban, who came to power in 1996 in the chaos after the Soviet withdrawal.

"One can increase the forces or not — it won't lead to anything but a negative result," Gromov said.

The parliament resolution credited the Red Army with the "repulsion of international terrorism and narcotics trade" and "averting a breeding ground for a new war" on Russia's border.

That appeared to blame Afghanistan's current fighting and soaring opium trade on the U.S.-led military operation launched in 2001 against the Taliban. Russia's envoy to NATO, Dmitry Rogozin, has made the same suggestion recently, saying the alliance has repeated the Soviet Union's mistakes in Afghanistan and added its own.

The Soviet Union lost some 15,000 soldiers in the war, which began when Moscow sent in troops to battle guerrillas who were fighting a Soviet-supported government. The invasion brought international opprobrium on the Soviet Union — including a boycott of the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow by countries including the United States.



# Kidnappers deliver deadline on U.N. worker

The Associated Press

QUETTA, Pakistan — Kidnappers holding an American U.N. worker hostage on Friday threatened to kill him in letter that accompanied a grainy video showing him appealing to the world body to act quickly to secure his release.

The letter accompanying the video delivered to a Pakistani news agency said the hostage, John Solecki, would be killed within 72 hours unless authorities release 141 women allegedly held in Pakistan.

The video and the demands indicate that Solecki, the head of the U.N. refugee agency in Quetta, a city near the Afghan bor-

der, is still alive and that his captors want to negotiate.

The kidnappers have identified themselves as the Baluchistan Liberation United Front, suggesting a link to local separatists who have waged a long, low-level insurgency against the Pakistani government and not the Taliban or al-Qaida, who are fighting U.S. forces in neighboring Afghanistan.

Still, the death threat heightens fears for Solecki's safety just a week after Taliban militants apparently beheaded a Polish geologist abducted in another border area of Pakistan after failing to agree to a prison-

er swap. The Pole's slaying, if confirmed, would be the first killing of a Western hostage in Pakistan since U.S. journalist Daniel Pearl was beheaded in 2002.

Police said Friday they were looking into the latest development. U.N. officials could not be reached immediately for comment.

Gunmen seized Solecki on Feb. 2 as he drove to work in Quetta; they first shot and killed his driver. Days later, the previously unknown Baluchistan Liberation United Front claimed responsibility for the kidnapping in a telephone call to the Quetta office of Online International News Network, a Pakistan-based news agency.

Online said it received an anonymous telephone call on Friday telling it to collect a parcel from the post office, in which it found a memory card from a mobile phone containing the video as well as the letter. It supplied a copy of the video to Associated Press Television News and allowed an AP reporter to see the letter. Solecki, who appears blindfolded and with a shawl draped over his shoulders in the 20-second clip, says that his message is addressed to the United Nations. "I am not feeling well. I am sick and in trouble. Please help solve the problem soon so that I can gain my release," Solecki says.

## Indian courts 466 years behind

By SAM DOLNICK  
The Associated Press

NEW DELHI — The High Court in New Delhi is so behind in its work that it could take up to 466 years to clear the enormous backlog, the court's chief justice said in a damning report that illustrates the decrepitude of India's judicial system.

The Delhi High Court races through each case in an average of four minutes and 55 seconds but still has tens of thousands of cases pending, including upward of 600 that are more than 20 years old, according to the report.

The problems of the Delhi High Court, which hears civil, criminal, and constitutional cases, is more the standard than the exception in India. The country's creaky judicial system has long been plagued by corruption, inefficiency and lack of accountability, often making the rule of law unattainable for all but the wealthy and the well-connected.

The United Nations Development Program says some 20 million cases are pending in India.

"It's a completely collapsed system," said Prashant Bhushan, a



Mohammad Hakim, face covered, a suspect in a terror attack, is escorted on Jan. 3 by Uttar Pradesh Anti-Terrorist Squad officials outside a court in Lucknow, India.

well-known lawyer in New Delhi. "This country only lives under the illusion that there is a judicial system."

One reason for the delays is that there aren't enough sitting judges. India — a country of 1.1 billion people — has approximately 11 judges for every million people compared with roughly 110 per million in the United States. India's Justice Ministry last year called for an increase of 50 judges per million people by 2013, but it was unclear how the government would pay for such a massive

overhaul.

The Delhi High Court, the state's top court, had 32 judges in 2007 and 2008 instead of the allotted 48, according to the chief justice's annual report, released Tuesday.

The court had at least 629 civil cases and 17 criminal cases pending that were more than 20 years old as of March 2008.

Chief Justice A.P. Shah said in the report that "it would take the court approximately 466 years" to clear the pending 2,300 criminal appeals cases alone.

## Pakistan: India must 'come clean' on attack suspects

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — India must "come clean" about those on its own soil involved in the Mumbai terrorist attacks, Pakistan said Friday, a day after it said that the assailants set out from Pakistan.

Pakistan on Thursday filed criminal cases against eight suspects in the November attack and said six of them, including three alleged ringleaders, were already in its custody.

It was the first time Pakistan had acknowledged that the Mumbai attacks were planned at least in part on its soil.

The announcement eased fear that the assault — which killed 164 people in India's commercial hub — could push the nuclear-armed neighbors toward war and distract Pakistan from fighting the Taliban and al-Qaida.

But the two sides plunged back into a war of words on Friday, raising doubts about their ability to revive a painstaking peace process frozen since the Mumbai carnage.

Indian External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee welcomed the progress of Pakistan's investigation.

But he told Parliament that

the gains from the peace process between the two countries that began in 2004 remained "at grave risk," and that the "infrastructure of terrorism which exists in Pakistan" must be dismantled to prevent future attacks.

"It is imperative that (Pakistan) act with sincerity and act effectively against the license that terrorist groups enjoy in its territory," he said.

Pakistan's Foreign Ministry said Mukherjee's remarks were "a rehash of the standard Indian line against Pakistan."

"Pakistan expects India to come clean on the multiple facets of the Mumbai tragedy and expose the names of persons and entities in India who were also responsible for acts of commission and omission," it said.

On Thursday, Pakistani Interior Ministry chief Rehman Malik said the gunmen had traveled by boat from near the Pakistani city of Karachi and that clues supplied by India had helped authorities make arrests.

Several of the detainees are linked to Lashkar-e-Taiba, a banned extremist group fighting Indian rule in Kashmir, the divided region over which Pakistan and India have twice gone to war.

## Witness: U.S. defendant calm in hours after woman's death

The Associated Press

PERUGIA, Italy — An American student charged with the murder of her British roommate showed no distress and was cuddling with her boyfriend hours after the slaying, friends of the victim testified on Friday.

Several British students who were friends with the victim, Meredith Kercher, during their stay in this central university town also talked about a problematic relationship between the victim, Meredith Kercher, and defendant Amanda Knox.

Knox, a 21-year-old from Seattle, and Raffaele Sollecito, a 24-year-old Italian who was her boyfriend at the time of the November 2007 slaying, are being tried on charges of murder and sexual violence.

Robyn Carmel Butterworth told the packed courtroom that she was among several students waiting to talk to officers in Perugia's police station shortly after Kercher's bloodied body was found.

"I found Amanda's behavior very strange and I found it quite difficult to be around her," Butterworth, who was called to the stand by the prosecution, told the court. "She had no emotion. Everybody was upset and she didn't seem to show any emotions."

Describing the group of friends at the police station, Butterworth added that: "We were all crying. I didn't see her crying."

The witness said Knox and Sollecito were fooling around as they waited to see police.

"I remember Amanda sticking her

tongue out at Raffaele," the British witness said, with her testimony in English being translated into Italian by a translator. "They were talking and joking, kissing and cuddling."

Witness Amy Frost, who was also at the police station, said Knox "made faces," such as crossing her eyes and sticking her tongue out. She was "giggling" and kissing Sollecito, said Frost.

Both Knox and Sollecito have denied any wrongdoing. They have been jailed since a few days after the slaying.

They both appeared in court, escorted by police.

The witnesses also testified as to how they learned of their friend's death and what the defendants were saying at the police station.

According to Butterworth, Knox said:

"How do you think I feel? I found her." She quoted Knox as saying Kercher was "in the closet covered by a blanket."

Kercher was found with a stab wound in the neck in a pool of blood under a comforter in her bedroom.

The witnesses, some breaking into tears as they recalled their friend, testified that there was a complicated relationship between Kercher and Knox. They said Kercher complained that Knox didn't always keep the bathroom clean and that Kercher was not comfortable with a bag of condoms and a vibrator kept by Knox in the bathroom they shared.

Knox, asking to make her first statement to the court since the beginning of the trial a month ago, said she was confident that "everything will come out and that everything will work out."

# Swiss police: Brazilian may have faked attack

BY BRADLEY S. KLAPPER  
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*The Associated Press*

ZURICH — The Brazilian woman who claimed to lose her unborn twins in a skin-head attack was not pregnant and probably carved the initials of Switzerland's main right-wing party into her own skin, investigators said Friday.

Police said in a statement that 26-year-old Paula Oliveira was not three months pregnant Monday, when she claimed that an attack by three skinheads, one with a Nazi symbol tattooed on the back of his head, caused her to miscarry twins.

Zurich University forensic medicine chief Walter Baers said "any experienced forensic doctor would not hesitate to assume that this was a case of self-infliction."

All of the wounds were reachable by

hand and none were severe, he said. Areas particularly sensitive for women — the breasts, navel and outer genitals — were not injured, he said.

He added, however, that an investigation was still ongoing.

Police said Oliveira claimed she was attacked outside a Zurich train station, and that the assailants cut the initials of Switzerland's main right-wing party into her stomach and legs.

Pictures of her scarred body appeared in newspapers and Brazil's Foreign Ministry had raised the possibility that she was the victim of an anti-foreigner attack. The ministry had no immediate reaction to the police report Friday.

The purported attack had shocked the Swiss public and outraged Brazilians, whose president condemned it.

"Brazil is an example of how to live with

foreigners," President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said. "I think we can't accept and we can't stay quiet facing this remarkable violence against a Brazilian woman abroad."

Even before the independent gynecological and forensic conclusions were released, some Swiss newspapers and politicians had suggested the woman's story might have been made up, like some other alleged attacks.

Last year, an 18-year-old woman in Germany was convicted of faking a neo-Nazi attack by carving a swastika into her skin. In 2004, a young French woman admitted to lying about having been robbed on a train by a knife-wielding gang that mistook her for a Jew and scrawled swastikas on her body — but only after the alleged attack was condemned by then-President Jacques Chirac.

And in October, a volunteer for John McCain's presidential campaign agreed to enter a probation program for falsely reporting that a Barack Obama supporter robbed and assaulted her and scratched a "B" on her cheek.

Photographs of the smiling woman have been splashed across newspapers next to those of a bare stomach and legs with the initials SVP — presumably for "Schweizerische Volkspartei" (Swiss People's Party).

The Swiss People's Party has taken a hardline stance against immigrants and pressed to toughen asylum laws and make it easier to expel foreign nationals. However, the party is part of Switzerland's broad coalition government and has never had links to neo-Nazism.

## Reprinted Nazi reports rile censors

BY CRAIG WHITLOCK  
AND SHANNON SMILEY  
*The Washington Post*

BERLIN — The news is really old — from the 1930s — but it's as shocking and controversial as ever. So controversial, in fact, that German censors are working overtime and police have raided newsstands across the country to cover it up.

Last month, a British publisher broke a long-standing German taboo by reprinting contemporary newspaper accounts of Hitler's rise to power. Among them: reports from the Voelkischer Beobachter, the Nazi Party house organ, breathlessly covering the Feb. 27, 1933, arson in the Reichstag, the German parliament.

"Enough is enough!" screamed the headline, blaming the blaze on communists and heralding Hitler as Germany's savior. Included in the reprints was a full-page Nazi campaign poster featuring a large swastika. Hitler used the Reichstag fire as a pretext to gain emergency powers.

The stated purpose of the reprints, collectively titled Zeitungszuzeugen, or Newspaper Witnesses, is to reeducate the public about the darkest moments in German history by giving them a view of how the news was reported at the time by various sources.

In addition to the Nazi screeds, the reprints include coverage of the same events by newspapers across the political spectrum, as well as modern-day commentary and analysis by respected historians. An issue costs about \$4.50. A new one is published weekly, each covering a different event from when the Nazis held power between 1933 and 1945.

But the publisher, Albertas Ltd., quickly ran into trouble. The swastika has been banned in Germany since the end of World War II; any display of the symbol can land offenders in jail. Also, copyrights for the Nazi newspaper and other assorted propaganda



SHANNON SMILEY/Washington Post

**Ingrid Jung, 69, a clerk at a newsstand in Berlin, holds a copy of Zeitungszuzeugen, or Newspaper Witnesses. German readers bought about 250,000 copies of the first issue, according to the publication's editor, but the reprinted Nazi accounts have been the target of police raids and censors.**

churned out during the Third Reich are held by the state government of Bavaria, which was not consulted in advance.

On Jan. 22, the Bavarian Finance Ministry announced criminal and civil charges against Albertas and ordered police to grab any unsold copies they could find. The ministry fiercely guards its copyrights, which were granted to the Bavarian government after the war by the Allied powers.

Usually, officials give permission to excerpt Nazi publications only to selected academics and researchers, under closely monitored conditions.

The restrictions are necessary to prevent neo-Nazi groups and other extremists from spreading Hitler's propaganda, said Judith Steiner, a spokeswoman for the ministry.

"We believe there is a real danger of abuse wherever Nazi material is reproduced," she said.

Sandra Paweronschitz, the Vienna-based editor in chief of Zei-

tungszuzeugen, said her publisher did not try to obtain authorization in advance because it assumed Bavarian officials would reject the request.

"In Germany, they are still afraid of this stuff," Paweronschitz said.

"In 2009, it should be possible to discuss such things and not just lock the news in the archives, away from the public."

Demand for the newspapers has been brisk. Readers bought about 250,000 copies of the first issue, Paweronschitz said, though police confiscated most of the press run for the second edition.

Zeitungszuzeugen has continued to publish weekly since then, reprinting newspaper accounts of 1933 events from non-Nazi publishers that are not protected by copyright.

Holocaust survivors and Jewish groups have spoken out against the German project, saying the reprints don't include enough explanatory side material from historians.

## Germany receives papers on Nazi doc

BY DAVID RISING  
*The Associated Press*

BERLIN — German authorities have received original documents indicating the world's most-wanted Nazi fugitive died in Cairo in 1992, and are investigating their validity, an official said Friday.

The papers — personal musing, official documents and other items that allegedly belonged to SS doctor Aribert Heim — were turned over to the Baden Wuerttemberg state police office that has led the manhunt for the former Nazi for decades, spokesman Horst Haug said.

He told The Associated Press that the documents were turned over by "an attorney" but would not elaborate further.

They were discovered by German television station ZDF and the New York Times in a Cairo hotel where Heim allegedly lived out the final years of his life before dying of intestinal cancer, but it was not clear if the media outlets had them in their possession.

The authenticity of the documents is now being checked by experts who are examining details like the age of the paper, the handwriting and fingerprints, Haug said.

He had no estimate on how long it could take to determine if they were genuine.

"There are a lot of documents, and I don't know how many people have had them in their hands — there could be a lot of fingerprints," he told the AP.

Heim, who would be 94 if alive today, was a doctor at the Mau-thausen concentration camp in



Heim

Austria in October and November 1941.

Witnesses have said he was involved in gruesome experiments, such as injecting various solutions into Jewish prisoners' hearts to see which killed them the fastest.

ZDF reported the papers that surfaced in Cairo included a passport, application for a residency permit, bank slips, personal letters and medical papers — in all more than 100 documents — that were left behind by Heim in a briefcase in the hotel room where he lived under the name Tarek Hussein Farid.

The television station quoted Heim's son, Ruediger Heim, as confirming the pseudonym Tarek Hussein Farid as his father's assumed name and the documents as belonging to him. Heim said he visited his father regularly in Cairo and had taken care of him after an operation related to his cancer in 1990.

ZDF reported that Heim was buried in a cemetery for the poor in Cairo, where graves are reused after several years "so that the chance of finding remains is unlikely."

Haug's office has asked Egyptian authorities for permission to travel to Cairo to look for the corpse, but he said Friday that they had not yet received a reply.

Meanwhile, Efraim Zuroff, the top Nazi hunter at the Simon Wiesenthal Center, this week asked Egyptian authorities for details on a list of 29 Nazis his office believes found refuge in Egypt.

All on the list — compiled by Wiesenthal himself in 1967 — are believed dead, but he said he was hoping that Egyptian authorities would turn over what information they have.

They could "confirm things that we weren't 100 percent certain of, and (the list) also sheds light on Egypt's role as a haven for Nazi war criminals — that's very important," he said.



# Blogger interrogated in Egypt for 4 days

By PAUL SCHEMM  
The Associated Press

CAIRO — The rules were simple: Don't touch the blindfold. The handcuffs stay on. Speak only when spoken to — and then only in a low voice.

Newly released German-Egyptian activist Philip Rizk said Thursday that he was interrogated by Egypt's State Security for four days, accused of being everything from an Israeli spy to a gunman for the militant group Hamas.

Rizk was arrested by security officers last Friday after participating in a small march outside Cairo calling for an end to the blockade of the Gaza Strip — a closure imposed by Egypt and Israel after Hamas gunmen seized control of the Palestinian territory in June 2007.

Rizk was held in solitary confinement for four days while friends, family and German diplomats inquired about his whereabouts and the reasons for his detention. Then he was abruptly dropped off at his apartment be-

fore dawn Wednesday.

His detention reflects Egypt's increasing sensitivity over any criticism of its policies on Gaza and Hamas. Hundreds of members of the opposition Muslim Brotherhood have been jailed, along with a half dozen young vocal bloggers like Rizk who put their criticism online.

Egypt has made no official comment on Rizk's detention, and he was never charged.

Rizk called himself lucky because he was held only a few days and wasn't hurt, ascribing that to his dual nationality and a spirited campaign for his release conducted by friends.

"What happened for a period of four days is that I did nothing much more than answer questions while being interrogated, or sleeping, or trying to sleep," the 27-year-old Rizk told reporters gathered on his balcony in a leafy suburb Thursday, his birthday.

"I was blindfolded the entire time, was wearing handcuffs the entire time except for a few occasions," usually during questioning, he said. He added that he was

allowed only one shower.

Rizk said two men questioned him repeatedly about his life, his friends and acquaintances, and his activities. When his answers displeased them, they would replace the handcuffs and make him stand, he said.

"Everything in your head, we want to take it out," he quoted one interrogator as telling him.

Rather than physical abuse, "it was more the threats of what could happen to me if I were not to say the truth," Rizk said.

"I heard sounds of things going on around me," including screams, he said. "I don't know if they were recordings or they were actually taking place — people being tortured."

Rizk said his questioners accused him of spying for Israel and then of dealing weapons to Israel's staunch enemy, Hamas.

Until his detention, Rizk operated a blog highlighting the plight of Palestinians called Tabula Gaza and was a graduate student in Middle East studies at the American University in Cairo.



AMR NABIL/AP

**Philip Rizk, a German-Egyptian blogger, was arrested by Egyptian authorities at a demonstration calling for an end to the blockade of the Gaza Strip. After being detained for four days, he was dropped off at his apartment before dawn on Wednesday. He said he spent the days blindfolded and handcuffed, answering questions.**

## Chinese investors eye U.S. housing market

By CHI-CHI ZHANG  
The Associated Press

BEIJING — Beijing lawyer Ying Guohua is heading to the United States on a shopping trip, looking not for designer clothes or jewelry, but for a \$1 million home in New York City or Los Angeles.

He expects to get a bargain. Ying is part of a growing number of Chinese who are joining tours organized especially for investors who want to take advantage of slumping U.S. real estate prices amid a financial crisis.

"It's a great time to buy because of the financial crisis, and houses in large cities like New York and Los Angeles will definitely go up in a few years," Ying said.

While China's ultra-rich have



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**Vincent Mo, Chairman of SouFun Holdings Ltd., speaks to journalists in front of a board featuring a U.S. map with a route of house-buying trip organized by his company in Beijing, China.**

been buying property in the U.S. for years, the buying tours are new, made attractive by still-rising Chinese income levels and American real estate prices that have been falling for two and a half years.

More than 100 Chinese buyers have joined such tours since late

2008, according to Chen Hang, the vice president of real estate at Fortune Group.

The Pittsburgh, Pa., company shows foreclosed commercial property to Chinese buyers.

"The Chinese are going to seize the opportunity to take advantage of some great deals," Chen said.

## China to blacklist journalists

By TINY TRAN  
The Associated Press

BEIJING — China plans to create a blacklist of journalists who break its reporting rules, state media reported Friday, adding to an array of controls used to restrict its domestic media.

According to a report in the China Press and Publishing Journal, the agency that exercises control over the state-owned Chinese media plans to "establish a database of media professionals with a bad record."

It said reporters who violate the rules or laws will have their press cards taken away. "Their names will be entered into the list and they will be restricted from news reporting or editing work," Li Dongdong, deputy director of the General Administration of Press and Publication, was quoted as saying.

China's state-run media are tightly controlled and regularly censored in reporting the news. China relaxed some restrictions

on foreign media during the Olympic Games last summer, but has since backtracked. Sensitive or negative issues are often ignored while Chinese journalists have been imprisoned for aggressive reporting on corruption in the private sector or the government.

The national database is among a series of regulations being proposed to boost government supervision of news coverage, Li said. Among them are tightened reviews for press credentials as well as standardized qualifications for newspaper and magazine editors.

The measures don't apply to foreign journalists in China, who are regulated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Chinese citizens are prohibited from working as journalists for foreign media organizations.

Li said the measures were needed to "resolutely prevent fake reporting."

Journalists have at times sought bribes in return for not reporting negative news.

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# Satellite collision deemed 'catastrophic'

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV  
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — The crash of two satellites has generated an estimated tens of thousands of pieces of space junk that could circle Earth and threaten other satellites for the next 10,000 years, space experts said Friday.

One expert called the collision "a catastrophic event" that he hoped would force President Barack Obama's administration to address the long-ignored issue of debris in space.

Russian Mission Control chief Vladimir Solovyov said Tuesday's smashup of a derelict Russian military satellite and a working U.S. Iridium commercial satellite occurred in the busiest part of near-Earth space — some 500 miles above Earth.

"800 kilometers is a very popular orbit which is used by Earth-tracking and communications satellites," Solovyov told reporters Friday. "The clouds of debris pose a serious danger to them."

Solovyov said debris from the collision could stay in orbit for up to 10,000 years and even tiny fragments threaten spacecraft because both travel at such a high orbiting speed.

James Oberg, an experienced aerospace engineer who worked on NASA's space shuttle program and is now a space consultant, described the crash over northern Siberia as "catastrophic event." NASA said it was the first-ever high-speed impact between two intact spacecraft — with the Iridium craft weighing 1,235 pounds and the Russian craft nearly a ton.

"At physical contact at orbital speeds, a



NASA/AP

This image shows an artist's concept of an Iridium satellite in orbit. Two communications satellites collided in the first crash of its kind in orbit over Siberia on Tuesday. The crash generated an estimated tens of thousands of pieces of space junk that could circle Earth and threaten other satellites for the next 10,000 years, experts said.

hypersonic shock wave bursts outwards through the structures," Oberg said in e-mailed comments. "It literally shreds the material into confetti and detonates any fuels."

Most fragments are concentrated near the collision course, but Maj.-Gen. Alexander Yakushin, chief of staff of the Russian military's Space Forces, said some debris

was thrown into other orbits, ranging from 300 to 800 miles above Earth.

David Wright at the Union of Concerned Scientists' Global Security said the collision had possibly generated tens of thousands of particles larger than half an inch, any of which could significantly damage or even destroy a satellite.

Wright, in a posting on the group's Web

site, said the two large debris clouds from Tuesday's crash will spread over time, forming a shell around Earth. He likened the debris to "a shotgun blast that threatens other satellites in the region."

Meanwhile, there's no global air traffic control system that tracks the position of all satellites.

The U.S. military tracks some 17,000 pieces of space debris larger than 2 to 4 inches, along with some 900 active satellites. But its main job is protecting the international space station and other manned spacecraft, and it lacks the resources to warn all satellite operators of every possible close call.

"With the amount of spacecraft and debris in orbit, the probability of collisions is going up more rapidly," said John Higinbotham, chief executive of Integral Systems Inc., a Lanham, Maryland-based company that runs ground support systems for satellites.

Oberg said the limited accuracy of tracking data and computer calculations makes it impossible to predict collisions, only their probability. He said most satellites also have little fuel to escape what most likely would be a false alarm.

"The collision offers a literally heaven-sent opportunity for the Obama administration to take forceful, visible and long-overdue measures to address a long-ignored issue of 'space debris,'" Oberg said.

Both NASA and Russia's Roscosmos agencies said there was little risk to the international space station, which orbits 230 miles above Earth, far below the collision point.



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People walk through the entrance of the ancient Al-Hamidiyah market in the old city of Damascus, Syria. The sharing of the ancient quarter by tourists and ordinary Damascenes has always given the place an easygoing charm, but that quality is threatened as investors opening fancy restaurants and boutique hotels drive up property values.

# Development threatens old Damascus

By HAMZA HENDAWI  
The Associated Press

**S**DAMASCUS, Syria  
cenes from the old, walled city of Damascus: A carpet dealer is cajoling a tourist into his showroom. A rhythmic tap-tap-tap resonates from a doorway as an artisan hammers silver strips into a richly decorated brass tray. A Syrian woman does the day's shopping.

The charm of the ancient part of the Syrian capital has always been the easygoing harmony with which tourists and Damascenes share the narrow alleys and covered markets. But now this crowded district — at the center of what's believed to be the world's oldest continuously inhabited city — is in danger of losing that endearing character.

Aggressive investors flush with cash have pushed property prices so high that homeowners increasingly are selling long-time family properties and moving away. Others are fleeing the pollution and congestion generated by dozens of new trendy restaurants and boutique hotels.

The threat to the old quarter — by one estimate, its population already has dropped by about half from some 60,000 in about 15 years — is a byproduct of Syria's disorderly shift from socialism to a free-market economy, which began in the early 1990s.

The ideological shift created

a virtual free-for-all climate for ambitious businessmen linked to the Syrian political elite, even as it deepened the potentially dangerous division between the city's rich and poor.

Now, the debate on how much latitude to give private enterprise is gathering steam as authorities try to balance revitalizing the 316-acre old city with preservationist goals. Already, some 50 hotels and 120 restaurants and cafes have been licensed, and among the many up and running are some shoddy imitations of traditional Arab architecture.

"This city is being turned into an amusement park," complained Hikmat Shatta, a French-educated architect. "In some parts, I walk with my eyes fixed on the ground. 'I am ashamed to look up and see what is happening. We are moving from the authentic to the bizarre and ridiculous.'"

Shatta's two-story home dates to the 19th century, and it's such old Arab houses that are the primary victims of the entrepreneurial onslaught. These are spacious dwellings whose splendor — richly tiled floors and intricately inlaid wooden ceilings — is revealed only as a visitor steps through the entryway, typically an unpretentious iron door set into plain brick walls.

The prospect of most residents disappearing is especially troubling because the area once exem-



A couple sit at the Monalisa restaurant, a renovated traditional Arab building in the old city in Damascus.

plified Syria's religious and ethnic harmony. Most of the Jewish inhabitants are gone, but the Muslims and Christians who remain live in peace, their places of worship sometimes just steps apart.

The human diversity is reflected in the historic sites. The Omayyad Mosque, built in the eighth century, is on a site that earlier held a temple dedicated to the Roman god Jupiter and a Christian church. Today, the mosque has shrines housing what are said to be the heads of both John the Baptist and Hussein, the grandson of Prophet Muhammad.

The old city was long shielded from development because Syria's radical politics isolated the country, but now it is attracting European tourists, and that poses complex changes, said

Nazir Awad of the state's Antiquities Authority.

Not everyone opposes the developers' invasion. Some longtime residents say the area was slowly dying, with many inhabitants leaving for modern neighborhoods to escape the high cost of maintaining old homes built of mud bricks and plaster.

"What we have now is the better of two evils," said Samer Antoine Kozah, an art dealer who lives in an eight-room house that has been in his family for about 150 years.

"Yes, the old city is threatened, but let us be realistic — it was dying. The restaurants and hotels have changed my life and disturbed me, but I thank their owners for doing business here."

## Attractions

The Associated Press

Some of the main attractions of the walled quarter of Damascus, the Syrian capital:

■ The Omayyad Mosque, one of the world's oldest and largest, sits on a spot considered sacred for at least 3,000 years, with Arameans, Greeks, Romans and Arabs in turn building places of worship there.

■ The tomb of the legendary Muslim general Saladin who fought the armies of the Third Christian Crusade is in a small garden next to the Omayyad Mosque. Saladin died of a fever in Damascus in 1193.

■ Straight Street dates to Roman times. It runs east to west and, according to the Bible, is where St. Paul's eyesight was restored by St. Ananias. Part of the street is the covered Medhat Pasha market; the street is entered through Bab al-Sharki, one of the old city's main gates.

■ The House of St. Ananias is where St. Paul is believed to have been baptized. St. Ananias became the first bishop of Damascus and later was stoned to death by order of the city's Roman governor.

■ Al-Hamidiyah souk, or market, is next to the Damascus citadel. It's the city's largest covered market.

## FACES

# WHERE HE'S GOING, WHERE

Facing prison, rapper **T.I.** is reaching out to help teens avoid his fate

BY MESFIN FEKADU  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Musically, T.I.'s has had nothing but success lately. His latest CD, "Paper Trail," hit No. 1 on the Billboard charts, and was accompanied by two No. 1 singles to match that. He's also won a number of awards — including a Grammy this month.

But the rapper also has a big challenge on the horizon.

In March, the 28-year-old, whose real name is Clifford Harris, faces about a year in prison after pleading guilty to federal weapons charges. As part of a plea deal, he agreed to also complete 1,000 hours of community service.

MTV recently debuted "T.I.'s Road to Redemption: 45 Days to Go," which chronicles the rapper's attempts to help others avoid the mistakes he's made in the past.

**What's been the highlight of the new show?**

I guess the best part would be taking a very negative in a very negative time period in my life and turning it into a positive.

**Did you feel like the teenagers you helped got the message?**

I did. Especially after the fact, reaching back out to them seeing how they maintained that progress. I was very surprised. ... It's real, it's not anything that's made up, it's real talk, so if you want to get a message it's there for you to receive. If you block the message out, then you're going to have to pay for that.

**What was most challenging part when mentoring the teenagers?**

I guess the hardest part would be explaining to them how they're supposed to go against what they consider to be the only thing that they know and why. It's not easy to go against your natural gut feeling or your instinctive behavior. And to reprogram that, you have to have an incredible amount of logic, motivation and hope.

**How did you balance the community service and your busy music career?**

It was challenging, but as everything else in my career and in my life has been, nothing has been a complete walk in the park. It was always an uphill battle so this was no different. We set a goal (and) we mapped out a realistic, strategic plan of accomplishing that goal.

**I heard there's a possibility you could do less time. Can you talk some more about this?**

If it is a possibility, I haven't heard a thing about it. But I didn't really do it for that. Of course I'm not looking forward to it, I'm not ecstatic about it, but I am looking forward to putting this part of my life behind me and moving forward. I just felt like me helping people would take the attention away from me and give me something else to focus on.

**Going into jail, what kind of mindset do you have now?**

The mindset I have is the sooner I get started the sooner I get finished.

**You've been to jail before. What do you think you'll learn this time and how will it be different?**

I'll learn to never go back again — that's about it. ... It's fair time. It's a lot different. I think I'm going to be around people (serving) a lot more time now.

**Do you feel like you've already learned your lesson?**

Absolutely, I don't think there's a lesson I can learn more valuable and you can't drill it in my head anymore than it's already been drilled in my head. I'm just going through the emotions at this point.

**This has been a wild year for you. What's the first thing that comes to mind when you look back at it?**

The first thing that comes to mind is how blessed I am, how far I've come and how I've been blessed with an opportunity to turn this whole situation around, (for it) to come full circle and how appreciative I am for that opportunity.



PHOTOS BY CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

**Facing about a year in prison after pleading guilty to federal weapons charges, T.I. worked on helping teens avoid his fate on his new MTV reality show, "T.I.'s Road to Redemption: 45 Days to Go."**

## will.i.am collaborates on 'Two Worlds' art project

The frontman of the Black Eyed Peas has taken up another cause.



will.i.am

In collaboration with Australian photographer Russell James' "Nomad Two Worlds" art project, will.i.am has created a song that will be used in a viral music video featuring Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, celebrities like Hugh Jackman and James' images of Aborigines.

The video was released on dipdive.com, the Web site that will.i.am debuted the pro-President Barack Obama video "Yes We Can" to millions of online views last year.

The "Nomad Two Worlds" art project, which was conceived by James, features works by Australian indigenous people about the tumultuous relationship between the Aborigines and the Australian government.

It consists of traditional art, a documentary film and the viral music video featuring Rudd's apology to the indigenous people of Australia last year.

## Neil Young joins other first-timers at Jazz Fest

Neil Young will join a slew of other first-time performers at the 2009 New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, a bittersweet announcement given that the "Queen of Soul" canceled her coveted appearance.

Jazz Fest producer Quint Davis said Aretha Franklin's activities surrounding President Barack Obama's inauguration, scheduling and travel issues led to the cancellation.

"She decided not to do any more work for a while and we honor that," Davis said. "But, we definitely told her we want her next year. She's made it clear that New Orleans and the festival are important and that she would like to be a part of this and raising the spirit of New Orleans."

The rocker joins other first-timers Bon Jovi and Grammy winners Sugarland and Kings of Leon. The Neville Brothers will be the festival's closing act.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



Neil Young



# Walter Scott's Personality PARADE

**Q Does O.J. Simpson still receive his NFL pension now that he's in prison? — Barbara Young, Miamisburg, Ohio**

**A** Yes. O.J. also gets a Screen Actors Guild pension and a private pension. Depending on the market, he earns \$15,000 to \$60,000 a month, says his lawyer, Yale Galanter. The Goldmans and Browns can't put a lien on O.J.'s cash, he adds, since "these pensions are protected from creditors by federal law."

**Q Seeing Meryl Streep sing, dance, and act in "Mamma Mia!" made me wonder: Is she the last of the triple threats? — Eric Lachance, Jupiter, Fla.**

**A** No one is in Streep's league as an actor, but Broadway still produces triple threats like Sutton Foster, 33, now wowing audiences in "Shrek the Musical." "I was inspired by film musicals," says Foster, whose CD "Wish" is due Tuesday. "It's my dream to sing, dance, and act on screen." For a gallery of triple threats, go to Parade.com/personality



Universal Pictures

**Nobody performs the "triple threat" of singing, dancing and acting as well as Meryl Streep, shown here in "Mamma Mia!"**

**Q Why did the camera focus on Brad Pitt at the recent Golden Globes but seldom show Angelina Jolie? — Rita Haymes, Miami**

**A** While many award shows feature auditorium seating, the Golden Globes are like a dinner party where guests can table-hop. Angie often left Brad to join Clint Eastwood, who directed her Globe- and Oscar-nominated performance in "Changeling." The camera couldn't keep up with her peripatetic style.



NBC

**Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, shown arriving at the Golden Globe Awards Jan. 11, managed to tear themselves away from each other once the festivities began.**

**Q Your item on Native Americans in Congress omitted Daniel Akaka of Hawaii. Why? — Gannon Sugimura, Springfield, Va.**

**A** "Unlike the indigenous peoples of the mainland and Alaska, Native Hawaiians aren't formally recognized by the U.S. as Native Americans," Senator Akaka tells us. "But with the President's support, a bill I've introduced finally may grant us the parity we deserve." The controversial bill doesn't create reservations or authorize casinos but sets the stage for indigenous Hawaiians to get rights similar to those of other Native Americans.

**Q What's the significance of the red rubber bracelet Eva Longoria Parker wears? — Colleen Senf, Jamison, Pa.**

**A** It's the symbol of Padres Contra El Cáncer (Parents Against Cancer), which aids Latino children with cancer or blood disorders and their families. "I'm affected every day by those kids," says Eva, the charity's spokeswoman. "It's amazing how you feel when you help people."

**Q When he died at 27 in 1971, The Doors' Jim Morrison had several paternity suits pending against him. How did they pan out? — John Brandt, Suffolk, Va.**

**A** Even for a rock star, Morrison led a life of wild excess, including flings with groupies and stars such as Grace Slick. A new biography says three paternity suits were pending in 1971, but Louis Reisman, the Morrison family attorney, tells us: "To the best of my knowledge, there never were any suits." There also never was an autopsy, so death from a heroin overdose is just a theory. The official cause was heart failure.

**Q Of the contestants on "America's Got Talent," who's been the biggest success? — Giselle Brabb, Rocklin, Calif.**

**A** Ventriloquist Terry Fator, 43. He landed a five-year, \$100 million deal at the Mirage Hotel in Las Vegas. "When I won 'Talent' in 2007, my wife and I were broke," says Fator, who has a new autobiography, "Who's the Dummy Now?" "Now I have to convince her that she doesn't have to buy shoes at discount stores."

**Q Four of the PG-13 movies I recently rented contained the F word. How has this become OK for our teens? — C. McWilliams, Roanoke, Va.**

**A** "The PG-13 standard hasn't changed," says Joan Graves, chairwoman of the classification and ratings arm of the Motion Picture Association of America. "One expletive use of the f-word is at least a PG-13. More than one — or even one use of it with a sexual connotation — is an automatic R."

**Q The seven Osmonds just gave a farewell concert, but with all of their descendants, won't a new generation carry on? — Cindy Hargis, Brownstown, Mich.**

**A** "The Osmond musical name — and teeth — will live on for a long time," jokes Donny, 51. "Marie and I still are working hard in Vegas because, with dozens of grandkids waiting in the wings and needing jobs one day, we may have to take over every hotel on the Strip."

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AP  
**Eva Longoria Parker doesn't seem to wear her cancer awareness bracelet with her formal wear, but she is an ardent supporter nonetheless.**



NBC  
**We'll always have the Osmonds. At left, Donny and Marie Osmond host the Miss USA 2008 pageant April 11 in Las Vegas.**



## City intentionally misspelled word

**MA** GLOUCESTER — No, managers with Gloucester's Public Works Department aren't idiots.

They're just trying to catch cheats.

When the Massachusetts city unveiled its new \$2 purple trash bags that all residents must use when disposing of household waste, the word "official" was deliberately spelled "official."

Recycling coordinator Kathy Middleton tells The Gloucester Daily Times the intentional misspelling is supposed to make it easier to catch people who try to counterfeit bags. Middleton says counterfeiting has been a problem in the past.

However, Middleton says the next batch of bags the city orders will be correct.

## MTA seeking love stories from Big Apple residents

**NY** NEW YORK — Have you ever taken the love train?

The New York Transit Museum wants to know: It's asking anyone who has ever met true love on a subway, train or bus to share their stories.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority says people take 2.6 billion trips each year on its transit system — making for a lot of chances for Cupid's arrows to strike.

One couple who found each other is Christopher Archer and Jirina Ribbens.

They tell the Daily News that they met in July 2005 while on a train to Coney Island. A year later, Archer proposed to her. A minister married them, saying, in part, "The MTA: expect delays and disruptions."

## Court ends monkeying around in legal case

**TX** SAN ANTONIO — An appeals court ruled that six retired research chimpanzees from Ohio State University will remain at a Louisiana sanctuary, ending a nearly three-year legal battle.

The Fourth Court of Appeals dismissed a lawsuit by Primarily Primates that would have forced Chimp Haven of Shreveport, La., to return the animals. Chimp Haven is also known as The National Chimpanzee Sanctuary.

The chimpanzees were brought to Louisiana in November 2006 after the state of Texas seized the San Antonio facility, Primarily Primates, and placed it in receivership. When the receivership was finished, Primarily Primates sued to get the animals back and received a favorable ruling from the Bexar County district court.

The appeals court said the Bexar County district court did not have jurisdiction to make that ruling, the San Antonio Express-News reported in its online edition.

## Twister touches down on Oahu golf course

**HI** HONOLULU — A weak tornado briefly touched down on Oahu.

An administrator at the Kapolei Golf Course, Illona Ioli, says the twister ripped up some trees as



it went straight through the golf course.

Minor damage was reported to roofs and yard equipment.

The rare weather occurrence for Hawaii was accompanied by heavy rains.

## Sex traffickers found guilty in prostitution ring

**CA** LOS ANGELES — Five people have been convicted of forcing Guatemalan women and girls into prostitution in Los Angeles.

The defendants, including four Guatemalans and one Mexican, were found guilty in U.S. District Court of conspiracy and sex trafficking.

Prosecutors say the five targeted young, uneducated, poor women with promises of good jobs in the United States.

## Oops: City of Brotherly Love gets wrong skyline

**PA** PHILADELPHIA — You might feel a little lost if you've bought a discount pass sold by Philadelphia's primary mass transit agency — it features a picture of New York City.

The pass is marked with the logo for Philly Beer Week, a festival celebrating local breweries and taverns. The Southeastern Penn-



## A fortunate find

**Miami (Ohio) University** freshman Lydia Smith, from Granville, Ohio, sits near the Abraham Lincoln letter that holds a verified Lincoln fingerprint. The 150-year-old print is only the second known to exist. Smith was transcribing a letter for a class project when she noticed the tiny smudge that turned out to be a bona fide presidential fingerprint.

sylvania Transportation Authority is selling the pass to discourage people from driving from one event to another during the festival.

A spokeswoman for the agency, Jerri Williams, says transit officials liked the look of the pass but didn't realize the stock photo was of the wrong city. New passes are being printed.

## 'Granny Robber' gets 3 years in prison

**OH** HAMILTON — A retired bank teller who became known as the "Granny Robber" for a series of bank robberies in southwest Ohio has been sentenced to three years in prison.

Sixty-eight-year-old Barbara Joly of Middletown, Ohio, was sentenced in Butler County Common Pleas Court, The Cincinnati Enquirer reported. She pleaded guilty in December and could have been sentenced to up to five years in prison.

Joly also has pleaded guilty to three counts of bank robbery in neighboring Warren County. She faces a sentence of up to 15 years in prison on those counts when she goes before a judge Feb. 20.

## Mother faces murder charges in baby dumping

**LA** KENNER — A 20-year-old woman accused of dropping her newborn baby girl into a lake told police she felt the infant's heart beating as she let the child slip from her hands into the brackish water.

"It's hard to believe," Kenner Police Chief Steve Caraway said. "This was a beautiful little girl, full term, a child that could have made someone very happy."

Ciara Craig, a sales clerk who lived in the New Orleans suburb of Metairie, will be charged with first-degree murder, Caraway said. Killing a child under 12 in Louisiana brings an automatic first-degree murder charge, which could result in the death penalty.

Craig, who gave birth at home, said she didn't want the child and had contemplated an abortion, but her pregnancy was too far along, Caraway said. She hid the pregnancy from her grandmother, with whom she lived.

## Stranded cat meows, rescued from pillar

**TX** HOUSTON — A lift had to be used to rescue a cat from atop a 6-story concrete support pillar for a Houston elevated freeway.

The striped gray kitty could be heard meowing after the Houston SPCA retrieved the cat and put the animal in a transport cage.

SPCA investigator Charles Jantzen says it appears the cat fell through an expansion joint on the freeway and landed on the pillar. Rescuers aren't sure how long the kitty was stranded. HOU-TV video shows Jantzen coaxing, then gently grabbing the kitty. Jantzen says the dehydrated cat would be treated by the SPCA.

The marooned creature was discovered when a nearby resident, Blake McGee, heard meowing Tuesday night and walked near the pillar, then realized the sound was from far above. The SPCA used equipment, with an extended liftable platform, to reach the cat.



## Watch dog

A dog is seen on the roof of a house in Minot, N.D. Minot animal control officer Dick Schnell says the snow in the back yard of the dog's owner's home apparently was high enough for the dog to walk up onto the roof.



## Firing the rails

Canadian Pacific Railway workers replace the frog in the turnout at mile post 308 where the tracks switch in Winona, Minn. The tracks are heated with fire to run the steel back together, allowing the new frog to be attached. The section of track is called a frog because it lets the train jump from one set of tracks to another.



## Here kitty, kitty

Young Java plays in the nursery at Siegfried & Roy's Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat at the Mirage on the Las Vegas Strip. The male leopard cub was born in November to Sabi and Mu-Gamba, who also reside in the habitat.





**Barely awake** A polar bear relaxes in the sun at the Bronx Zoo in New York. The afternoon temperature rose above 60 degrees in New York City, making for a mild afternoon in a normally cold month.



**Row, row, row your boat** The Delta Queen moves up the Tennessee River on its final trip to Chattanooga, Tenn. The boat arrived at the Riverfront in Chattanooga, where it will be permanently docked and turned into a hotel.



**Troubled waters** The Chagrin River rages over the falls in downtown Chagrin Falls, Ohio. The overflowing waters follow unseasonably warm temperatures and piles of melting snow.



**Making tracks** Runners leave their tracks on a snow-covered path in the west hills above downtown Portland, Ore.

## Housing scam targeted unsuspecting buyers

**PA** PHILADELPHIA — Fifteen people have been charged with fraudulently claiming ownership of unoccupied homes and then selling them to unsuspecting buyers, including many immigrants with limited understanding of English and real estate procedures.

The suspects forged and recorded deeds to abandoned or otherwise uninhabited homes, then transferred the properties into their own names and sold them, according to a grand jury report.

"What they were buying was, essentially, nothing," District Attorney Lynne Abraham said at a news conference.

The scam was motivated by "breathtaking, bold and unapologetic greed" and involved more than 80 properties, mostly aging row houses in the Philadelphia's Kensington neighborhood, Abraham said.

## Exotic dancer in hospital after being set ablaze

**CA** LOS ANGELES — A woman has pleaded not guilty to trying to kill an exotic dancer by dousing her with flammable liquid and setting her ablaze outside a Los Angeles area club.

Prosecutors charged 27-year-old Rianne Theriault-Odom with attempted premeditated murder, mayhem and torture. She allegedly exchanged words with the dancer, then set her on fire outside the Babes & Beer nightclub.

Prosecutors declined to charge a man arrested with her, 22-year-old Nathaniel Petrillo.

The dancer, 27-year-old Roberta Dos Santos-Busby, remains hospitalized in critical condition.

Theriault-Odom remained in custody under \$1.03 million bail.

## Crowd of young men attack man on bike

**MI** KALAMAZOO — Some members of a group of about 40 to 50 young males attacked a 50-year-old man riding a bicycle and beat him unconscious, police said.

The motive for the attack was not known and police were still interviewing witnesses, Lt. Tom Hemingway said. No arrests have been made.

Witnesses told investigators the attackers knocked the man off his bike and began beating him. Police said he was hit in the head with a bottle and then kicked and punched as he lay in the street.

His stolen bike was found later.

## Cape Cod man trades set of cuffs for another

**MA** BARNSTABLE — A Cape Cod man who walked into the Barnstable police station and asked for help removing a pair of handcuffs dangling from one wrist ended up wearing another pair instead.

Sgt. Sean Sweeney said 21-year-old Allahmanamjad Barbel showed up claiming he couldn't get off a pair of cuffs that his sister had slipped on him at a child's birthday party.

Police ran Barbel's name through the state warrant system and discovered he had outstand-

ing warrants on charges of driving with a suspended license, leaving the scene of an accident, threatening to commit a crime and making annoying phone calls.

Sweeney told the Cape Cod Times police removed the cuffs Barbel had on — then slipped on a new pair to arrest him.

They never confirmed his story about the party.

## Coalition suspects lies on pork labels

**HI** HONOLULU — A coalition of animal protection groups wants the state Department of Agriculture to investigate three grocery chains it believes are violating the law by labeling non-Hawaii pork as "island produced."

The Handle With Care coalition also wants the state to probe a pig importer and distributor.

The group contends that most of the pork consumed in Hawaii is raised in California or the Midwest and transported to Hawaii in dirty, overcrowded conditions and then slaughtered.

The coalition says this pork is being labeled as "island produced."

Dena Jones of the World Society for the Protection of Animals says that leads consumers to believe they are purchasing a local product.

## Goats blamed for starting barn fire

**WY** LARAMIE — These goats may have gotten a baaah-d idea from Mrs. O'Leary's cow.

A fire destroyed a barn near Laramie, Wyo. Firefighters suspect some goats inside the barn started the fire by nibbling through electric heater cords or knocking down a heating lamp.

Barn owner Dale Wood says the barn was a total loss and at least three female goats died.

Neighbors alerted Wood's son to the fire, who called firefighters and tried to put out the flames.

For years, legend had it that Catherine O'Leary's cow started the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

## Former ballet director's money embezzled by son

**OK** TULSA, OKLA. — The former artistic director of the Tulsa Ballet pleaded no contest to embezzlement involving his 84-year-old mother, ballerina Moscelyne Larkin. Roman Jasinski was accused of using his mother's Social Security and retirement payments for expenses unrelated to her care or benefit. Jasinski was given a deferred sentence.

## Mountain might go back to using Alaskan name

**AK** FAIRBANKS — A move is under way to try to rename North America's tallest mountain from Mount McKinley to Denali. Fairbanks Rep. Scott Kawasaki filed a resolution that if approved by lawmakers would urge Congress to make the change.

The 20,322-foot tall mountain was named for President William McKinley. Native Alaskans call it Denali, which means The High One in Athabascan.

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# STARS AND STRIPES

## OPINION

# In '70s, 'global cooling' was all the rage

BY GEORGE WILL

WASHINGTON

A corollary of Murphy's Law ("If something can go wrong, it will") is: "Things are worse than they can possibly be." Energy Secretary Steven Chu, an atomic physicist, seems to embrace that corollary but ignores Gregg Easterbrook's "Law of Doomsaying": Predict catastrophe no sooner than five years hence but no later than 10 years away, soon enough to terrify but distant enough that people will forget if you are wrong. Chu recently told the Los Angeles Times that global warming might melt 90 percent of California's snowpack, which stores much of the water needed for agriculture. This, Chu said, would mean "no more agriculture in California," the nation's leading food producer. Chu added: "I don't actually see how they can keep their cities going."

No more lettuce for Los Angeles? Chu likes predictions, so here is another: Nine decades hence, our great-great-grandchildren will add the disappearance of California artichokes to the list of predicted planetary calamities that did not happen. Global cooling recently joined that lengthening list.

In the 1970s, "a major cooling of the planet" was "widely considered inevitable" because it was "well established" that the Northern Hemisphere's climate "has been getting cooler since about 1950" (The New York Times, May 21, 1975). Although some disputed that the "cooling trend" could result in "a return to another ice age" (the Times, Sept. 14, 1975), others anticipated "a full-blown 10,000-year ice age" involving "extensive Northern Hemisphere glaciation" (Science News, March 1, 1975, and Science magazine, Dec. 10, 1976, respectively). The "continued rapid cooling of the Earth" (Global Ecology, 1971) meant that "a new ice age must now stand alongside nuclear war as a likely source of wholesale death and misery" (International Wildlife, July 1975). "The world's climatologists are agreed" that we must "prepare for the next ice age" (Science Digest, February 1973).

Because of "ominous signs" that "the Earth's climate seems to be cooling down," meteorologists were "almost unanimous" that "the trend will reduce agricultural productivity for the rest of the century," perhaps triggering catastrophic famines (Newsweek cover story, "The Cooling World," April 28, 1975). Armadillos were fleeing south from Nebraska, heat-seeking snails were retreating from central European forests, the North Atlantic was "cooling down about as fast as an ocean can cool," glaciers had "begun to advance" and "growing seasons in England and Scandinavia are getting shorter" (Christian Science Monitor, Aug. 27, 1974).

Speaking of experts, in 1980 Paul Ehrlich, a Stanford scientist and environmental Cassandra who predicted calamitous food shortages by 1990, accepted a bet with economist Julian Simon. When Ehrlich predicted the imminent exhaustion of many nonrenewable natural resources, Simon challenged him: Pick a "basket" of any five such commodities, and I will wager that in a decade the price of the basket will decline, indicating decreased scarcity. Ehrlich picked five metals — chrome, copper, nickel, tin and tungsten — that he predicted would become more expensive. Not only did the price of the basket decline, the price of *all* five declined.

An expert Ehrlich consulted in picking the five was John Holdren, who today is President Barack Obama's science adviser. Credentialed intellectuals, too — actually, *especially* — illustrate Montaigne's axiom: "Nothing is so firmly believed as what we least know." As global levels of sea ice declined last year, many experts said this was evidence of man-made global warming. Since September, however, the increase in sea ice has been the fastest change, either up or down, since 1979, when satellite record-keeping began. According to the University of Illinois' Arctic Climate Research Center, global sea ice levels now equal those of 1979.

An unstated premise of eco-pessimism is that environmental conditions are, or recently were, optimal. The proclaimed

faith of eco-pessimists is weirdly optimistic: These optimal conditions must and can be preserved or restored if government will make us minimize our carbon footprints, and if government will "remake" the economy.

Because of today's economy, another law — call it the Law of Clarifying Calamities — is being (redundantly) confirmed. On graphs tracking public opinion, two lines are moving in tandem and inversely: The sharply rising line charts public concern about the economy, the plunging line follows concern about the environment. A recent Pew Research Center poll asked which of 20 issues should be the government's top priorities. Climate change ranked 20th.

Real calamities take our minds off hypothetical ones. Besides, according to the U.N.'s World Meteorological Organization, there has been no recorded global warming for more than a decade, or one-third of the span since the global cooling scare.

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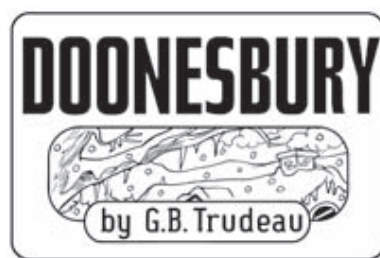
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## OPINION

## What newspapers are saying at home

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### Paying taxes is mandatory

**Daily Times-Call, Longmont, Colo.**

When Timothy Geithner, the nation's new Treasury secretary, disclosed that he had erred in his tax preparation, many were willing to give him the benefit of the doubt. ...

But this month the nation has seen two more nominees of President Barack Obama get tripped up because of errors in their tax filings.

Most notable was that of Health and Human Services nominee Tom Daschle. The former South Dakota senator revealed that he had not declared as income years' worth of subsidized transportation in the nation's capital. ...

Nancy Killefer, the president's choice for a new position called the "performance czar," had issues with paying the employment taxes on her hired help.

And the husband of Hilda Solis, the president's choice for secretary of labor, had tax issues that have come to light this month.

Such a long list of people who have had problems filing their taxes underscores a few things: that many people are baffled by the complexities of the tax system, or more likely, that they use those complexities to try to hide their assets.

Also, however, it's become apparent that those advancing in government service need to be reminded of the old-fashioned values of working hard and paying taxes.

In a country where millions of people do that every day, it should not be too much to ask of our leaders.

### Octuplets' mom irresponsible

**Sun-Sentinel, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.**

How in the world is she going to do it? And what is it going to cost the rest of us?

Those are the central questions swirling around the once-inspiring story of Nadya Suleman, the 33-year-old California woman who gave miraculous birth on Jan. 26 to octuplets.

The medical success story that warmed the hearts of millions quickly made as many jaws go slack when we later learned that Suleman will not only be caring for eight newborns, but that she already has six other young children at home, including one with autism.

The logistics of trying to care for that many young children would be enough to drive any parent batty. But add to the impossible equation that Suleman is a single mother, she lives with her parents in a small home, she is unemployed and a number of the newborns will face almost certain medical problems, and you've got really long odds at a happily ever-after.

Almost everyone has an opinion about Suleman's decision to take these odds, and to drag the rest of us along with her, since it is hard to believe this family will not be needing society's help. Let's call it what it is: indulgent, irresponsible and unethical on Suleman's part, and on the part of the doctors who helped her get pregnant for the fifth time. ...

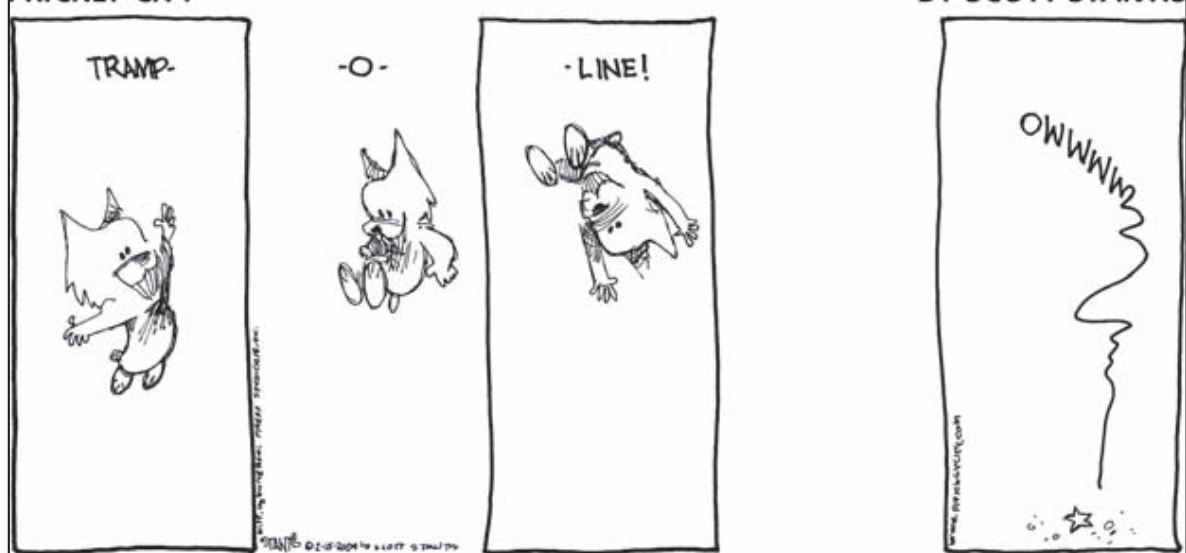
IVF has proven a miracle for so many. Perhaps the saddest part of all is to see it so flippantly abused.

### Exec pay limit is fair enough

**The (Toledo, Ohio) Blade**

This much can be said for President Barack Obama's action in limiting compensation for senior executives of financial institutions that go back to the public

### PRICKLY CITY



for more bailout money: Wall Street had it coming.

The American people have been reminded of corporate cluelessness a lot lately — the \$18.4 billion in bonuses paid out by New York financial houses in a calamitous economy, the Super Bowl fan fest put on by Bank of America, the Palm Beach conference hosted by Morgan Stanley, the aborted plans of Wells Fargo to reward employees in Las Vegas ...

They don't get it, but now they might. Some critics inevitably will call this creeping socialism, but in fact Obama's order does not go all that far. It does not apply to those institutions that have already received bailout funds, only to those that seek aid under the next phase. ...

In the beggar class of financial institutions, senior executives will be limited to an annual salary of \$500,000, which might seem a lot to most Americans but is not much by the standards of Wall Street. ...

But the new rules also will serve several beneficial purposes — discouraging any gold rush to get a bailout and striking a blow for ordinary Americans.

### Funding can aid food fixes

**The (Hackensack, N.J.) Record**

Add the Food and Drug Administration to the long list of "things to fix" in Washington. And put it at the top.

The federal agency is responsible for overseeing the safety of about 80 percent of the nation's food supply. But it is understaffed, underfunded and unprepared to carry out its mission, even as its purview grows.

Unfortunately, this was made clear again late last month when health officials announced that 23 New Jersey residents were made sick by salmonella lurking in peanut products. ...

The FDA does not keep an outbreak tally, so we don't know if incidences are increasing. But we don't have to reach back far to remember others: August's salmonella outbreak first attributed to tomatoes, later pinned to peppers; last spring's salmonella outbreak from puffed cereal, and the 2006 outbreak of E. coli in spinach. According to the Government Accountability Office, there were at least 96 outbreaks in 10 years related to fresh produce alone. ...

In January, the FDA did inspect the Peanut Corporation of America and found a host of problems, including the repeated practice of having a private laboratory retest batches of peanuts found to contain salmonella. The second tests came out clean and the products were shipped.

We ask the FDA to ensure that our food is safe. Yet we don't provide it with money to do so. Partly, that's the FDA's fault — its plan for future operations is oddly vague.

But it's up to us to insist on better funding and better planning. We can't rely on luck to keep us healthy.

### Attack stigma of seeking help

**The Austin (Texas) American-Statesman**

The U.S. Army has a serious problem with suicides in the ranks. More soldiers killed themselves last month than died in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, a shocking fact that has the Army reeling. ...

Reasons for the soldiers killing themselves vary from financial and relationship problems to the stress of combat and poor mental health care in the Army. ...

To its credit, the Army is facing the problem squarely and asking for help. ...

Fashioning a solution to a problem with so many variables won't be easy. Adding to the challenge is a warrior culture that doesn't like to admit weakness and discourages treatment. The Army needs to address in a serious way, not just with words and orders, the stigma attached to soldiers acknowledging mental health problems and seeking help.

Army brass should focus, too, on post-traumatic stress syndrome and the problems veterans face after they leave the service. ...

There is no magic cure for the Army as it tackles this difficult issue, no single solution that will work for every soldier contemplating taking his or her life. But the more attention to the problem, the more things the Army tries as a way to help soldiers, the better the chances of curtailing this shocking increase in suicides.

These men and women serve their country in its most dangerous ventures, and they deserve the best care — including mental health care — the country can provide them.

### Hopes for clean HR king dashed

**(New York) Daily News**

We now know it beyond any doubt. Alex Rodriguez is a liar. ...

Yes, the Yankees' \$300 million man can hit for average. He can hit for power. He can field. He just cannot conduct himself with dignity.

"I was stupid," Alex Rodriguez told ESPN on Monday, as though intelligence had anything to do with the colossal failure in judgment and character that led him to juice up.

He sounded contrite. So what? If we pat a man on the back for finally admitting he cheated after years of denials — breaking faith with the fans and the sport — we may as well let criminals go free when they plead guilty. ...

Just two years ago, Katie Couric asked him point-blank: Have you ever used ste-

roids or any other performance-enhancing substance?

"No," said A-Rod. Period, end of sentence.

Have you ever been tempted?

"No." Period, end of sentence.

He was The One. The best player in baseball. There were visions of the day when he would take back the home run crown — set by Ruth, held with grace by Aaron, stolen by Bonds.

There was apparently even a \$6 million incentive waiting for him when he became Home Run King.

There was, unfortunately, no incentive for honor.

### Darwin opposition has evolved

**Los Angeles Times**

Thursday marked the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin, an occasion that ought to be cause for universal celebration. Not only was Darwin's theory of evolution a scientific epiphany, millions of people owe their lives and their health to research that is predicated on Darwin's insight that human beings share a common ancestor with other species. But there is a malodorous skunk at this garden party: a movement rooted in American-style biblical fundamentalism that seeks to discredit Darwinism and undermine the teaching of evolution in public schools.

Like species in the Darwinian account, the opposition to evolution has mutated over the years. The initial strategy was to ban the teaching of evolution outright, as Tennessee did in 1925 (provoking the Scopes "monkey trial") and Arkansas did in 1928. It wasn't until 40 years later that the Supreme Court invalidated Arkansas' law. That should have been the last word, but opponents of evolution have ingeniously recast their crusade, from "creationism," with explicit invocation of the Book of Genesis, to "creation science" to "intelligent design." For good measure, they have couched their arguments in terms of academic freedom.

Fortunately, the courts have seen through these subterfuges. But the fact that they had to intervene at all is a reminder that opposition to evolution persists in the face of overwhelming evidence. ... Two-thirds of the respondents in a 2007 USA Today/Gallup poll said that it is definitely or probably true that God created humans in their present form within the last 10,000 years. ...

However ingenious the arguments, opposition to evolution is literally unreasonable. Schools must stand firm against attempts to introduce theology into science classrooms — not out of veneration for Charles Darwin, but because students deserve to be told the truth.

# Sunday Horoscope

In three days the sun will enter a new realm and begin a new chapter in our year. The waning moon in Scorpio, the sign of regeneration and transformation, reminds us we have the option of making modifications before we launch into the Pisces part of the year. If there's something you want to change, Scorpio moon gives you the strength.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (FEBRUARY 15).** This year you will polish up your people skills, step out of the comfort zone and socially connect. Simple risks pay off, like making conversation, cracking jokes and flirting. You'll get to know a new circle of friends in spring. An inheritance supports June business. There are harmonious family gatherings in August. Cancer and Aries adore you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You make an impression when you're true to yourself. Strive to be original with a different take on things than the others have, and yet an opinion that is still relevant to what is going on around you.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Money is less of an issue for you now as you see many of the things you want cannot be bought. And those items that can be bought can certainly be found for a decent price when you're willing to search or negotiate.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You're happiest when everyone in your life is happy. And yet, you can still find reasons to feel good when those around you are having a hard time. By looking on the bright side you teach others to lighten up.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You are still committed to finishing what you start even when the hour seems hopelessly past due. Well, your timing is terrific now when you refuse to give up. What you thought was a deadline turns out to be a lifeline.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You know what you choose to know. When you look into a situation, you see it clearly. When you're ready you will focus on and quickly sort out any circumstance that has been confusing

to you.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You'll catch yourself in the act of self-defeat. Remember that you're not afraid to go for what you want anymore. When you feel yourself backing up, stop immediately. Go the opposite way just to prove a point.

## Holiday Mathis



**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** There is work when there should be play. But no one has to suffer over it — that's optional. And as far as you are concerned, being busy is infinitely more fun than dallying the day away.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Who needs an invitation to celebrate life? Certainly not you. You're making up your own party as you go. People smile, socialize and maybe even dance when you're near. Your atmosphere will support the revelry in your heart.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** It's too distracting to be around someone who has all the habits you're trying to get rid of. If you can draw some boundaries or just be temporarily unavailable you'll stay more in line with your goals.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You're still not sure whether or not you'd like to be a part of the goings on around your social set. This is partly because you need rest. Socializing may be more draining than energizing. Relax in your own way.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** It just doesn't satisfy you to be good to your family. You simply have to spoil them silly, don't you? The choice to be over the top can be tiring at times, so remember to rest and recharge your creativity.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** If you want to brag to your friends, you certainly have something good to tout today. However, a subtle approach will have even more impact. After all, you want them to be slightly jealous, not consumed with envy.

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# 'Free spirit' conflicted on outings with free spenders

**Dear Abby:** I consider myself to be a "free spirit." I bike and hike to get around, do not own a car and pretty much try to live "off the grid."

My recently married sister and new in-laws are my favorite people in the world. But they constantly arrange weekend events — movie nights, shopping trips and coffee bar-hopping. The objective, of course, is the joy of sharing good company.

As a vehement anti-consumerist and anti-materialist, I find it deeply upsetting to be asked to spend money on things I consider to be exploitive industries and endeavors. On the other hand, there's nothing I enjoy more than being in the presence of these kind, loving, nurturing people. So, just as I can't stand the way they spend their money, I don't want to spoil their good time by being some kind of "psycho naturalist in-law." What can I do?

**— Principled Brother-in-law**  
*Dear Brother-in-law: Limit the movie dates, refuse the expensive coffee dates and do not buy anything you don't need. This doesn't mean you can't accompany your sister and the in-laws on their shopping trips. Reciprocate by*

*inviting them to your home for an evening of board games, conversation or rented movies. Many people have begun to see the wisdom of your philosophy of frugality, so consider yourself in the forefront of a new wave.*

## Dear Abby



**Dear Abby:** I remember when I was a child, the library was a sacred place where one could go and find peace and quiet, study, meditate or just relax and read a good book.

I am 30 now and working on an advanced degree and rely on the library as a place to get things done, but I'm beginning to wonder what happened to that "silence" rule. Patrons talk on mobile phones, converse loudly and act like they're at home.

If silence cannot be found in the library, where can it be found — and is there anything I can do to turn back the clock?

**— Needs Peace and Quiet**  
*Dear Needs P And Q: Much as we might wish to, no one can "turn back the clock." So have a chat with the head librarian and make your concerns known. While it may not be possible to have total silence, it would not be out of line to ask if there is a room in the library that could be des-*

*ignated as a conversation-free and cell-phone-free zone. If the answer is no, speak to one of your professors and inquire if there is a study hall where you can find the peace and quiet you need.*

**Dear Abby:** I am an 86-year-old woman, blessed with good health and mobility. I do not need a walker or a cane. My problem is some of my younger relatives grab my arm when we are walking. I know they mean well, but it actually makes it harder for me. I haven't said anything to them for fear of offending them. How should I handle this?

**— Elderly, Not Feeble**

*Dear Not Feeble: I'm glad you wrote because your question is an important one that applies not only to older people, but also to people who are visually impaired. Often, well-intentioned folks will grab someone by the arm in order to "help" him or her step down from a curb, cross a street, etc. Doing this is counterproductive, and can actually cause the person to lose his or her balance. It is far more effective to offer the person one's arm to take if that person feels he or she needs assistance.*

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# Younger girlfriend is more apathetic than affectionate

My girlfriend of almost a year recently moved in with me. I'm 42; she's 29. The week after she moved in, her friends made fun of our age difference and my supposedly looking too old for her. She's undecided about much in her life, and this increased her confusion.

She'd never voiced problems with the age spread before, but after the flak from her friends, she started pulling away from me in public and acting like we're not connected.

In general, she seems very dissatisfied. When I pressed her, she said she wished she were more physically attracted to me, and said she's never felt overly anything for anyone (religion and sex issues, abuse at home, etc.).

She feels guilty that her feelings haven't deepened over time like mine.

I told her the initial love drug never lasts; you have to work on a relationship.

My investment so far seems worth working for. I guess I just need her to share with me more, keep me in the loop.

**— Somewhat Older Man**

*If you want a fair shake from a jury, rob a liquor store. You'll have your day in court instead of your day in the food court — being*

*judged by your girlfriend's clique of seventh-grader girlfriends from their jury box at Cinnabon.*

*Hope you don't think it impolite of me to ask, but what's your head doing all the way up there? Here you are, telling yourself you just have to get your girlfriend to "share" with you more.*

*Um, perhaps you failed to notice, but the last time she shared, it didn't turn out so well: "You're old and embarrassing, and I can't bear to be seen with you in public." (But, hey, what's not to love?)*

*You also trot out the old saw about how you have to "work on a relationship," apparently confusing your girlfriend with stained grout.*

*Sorry, but there's no amount of elbow grease you can put into this that will make everything come out okay.*

*It would be different if there were a few issues mucking up a good thing. That's when you talk it out, rent space on a therapist's couch, and otherwise invest in the Self-Help Industrial Complex.*

*But, here's a girl whose favorite thing to do in the bedroom is probably hiding under the bed so you won't pester her for sex.*

*Almost a year in, she finally admits she isn't attracted to you.*

*Not only that, she seems incapable of being attracted or bonded to anyone due to a wad of serious issues she never saw fit to resolve.*

*In case that didn't dissuade you, she doesn't seem to have opinions, just friends with opinions, and if she feels anything for you, it's a mild sense of apathy. Yet, you see all this as your cue to have the elder statesman chat with her about the staying power of the "initial love drug" — which it seems she held in her cheek and spit out when the love orderlies had their backs turned.*

*The one person you really need to "share" more with is you. In the face of unpleasant truths, humans have a propensity to deny reality. This doesn't change reality; it just gives your misery tenure.*

*Admit the truth, and you can get out of your "investment" instead of waiting for life to push your nose into the swamp land so hard that you have to call it swamp land — or, rather, you have to concede there's little chance your girlfriend will ever come to the conclusion that home is where the old fart is.*

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## FAITH



In 2007, Anatoly Veliminchuk, left, speaks with French priest Patrick Desbois about witnessing the massacre of tens of thousands of Jews in the early years of the World War II in Bogdanivka, Ukraine. In his book "The Holocaust by Bullets," Desbois uncovers a little-known chapter of the Holocaust, the extermination of eastern Europe's 2 million Jews.

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AP

# Priest reveals 'The Holocaust by Bullets'

BY MARIA DANILOVA  
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*The Associated Press*

KIEV, Ukraine — The Holocaust has a landscape engraved in the mind's eye: barbed-wire fences, gas chambers, furnaces.

Less known is the "Holocaust by Bullets," in which over 2 million Jews were gunned down in towns and villages across Ukraine, Belarus and Russia. Their part in the Nazis' Final Solution has been under-researched, their bodies left unidentified in unmarked mass graves.

"Shoah," French filmmaker Claude Lanzmann's documentary, stands as the 20th century's epic visual record of the Holocaust. Now another Frenchman, a Catholic priest named Patrick Desbois, is filling in

a different part of the picture.

Desbois says he has interviewed more than 800 eyewitnesses and pinpointed hundreds of mass graves strewn around dusty fields in the former Soviet Union. The result is a book, "The Holocaust by Bullets," and an exhibition through March 15 at New York's Museum of Jewish Heritage.

Brought to Ukraine by a twist of fate, Desbois has spent seven years trying to document the truth, honor the dead, relieve witnesses of their pain and guilt and prevent future acts of genocide.

Some 1.4 million of Soviet Ukraine's 2.4 million Jews were executed, starved to death or died of disease during the war. Another 550,000-650,000 Soviet Jews were killed in Belarus and up to 140,000 in Russia, according to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Most of the victims

were women, children and the elderly.

Begun after Germany invaded the Soviet Union in June 1941, the slaughter by bullets was the opening phase of what became the Nazis' Final Solution with its factories of death operating in Auschwitz and other camps, all in Nazi-occupied Poland.

Desbois devotes his 233-page book, published by Palgrave Macmillan in August, to his work in Ukraine, where he says he has uncovered over 800 mass extermination sites, more than two-thirds of them previously unknown.

Since the book was written, he has expanded his search for mass graves into Belarus and plans to look early this year in areas of Russia that were occupied by the Germans. Sometimes bursting into tears, old men and women from poor Ukrainian villages recount to Desbois how women,

children and elders were marched or carted in from neighboring towns to be shot, burned to death or buried alive by German troops, Romanian forces, squads of local Ukrainian collaborators and local ethnic German volunteers.

Desbois' witnesses are mostly Orthodox Christian, and he comes to them as a priest, dressed in black and wearing a clerical collar, taking in their pain and trying to ease their suffering. Many have never before talked about their experiences.

"The book is meant so that people know ... that a genocide is simply people killing people," Desbois said. "My book is also an act of prevention of future acts of genocide."

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## YOUR MONEY

# The fall of the mall

As job numbers sink and sales skid, shopping centers face hard times

By ASHLEY M. HEHER  
The Associated Press

SCHAUMBURG, Ill. — Something's amiss at the mall.

The parking lots at the biggest shopping centers are still filling up on weekends, the food courts bustle with hungry customers and walkways are crowded with gangly teenagers and stroller-wielding moms.

Look closely, though, and you'll see there aren't many bags. That's because shoppers at some of the country's busiest retail centers aren't buying. Not much, anyway.

If that sounds like grim news for retailers, consider what their landlords are facing. Unless shoppers begin spending again — soon — some experts worry the great American hangout may be in jeopardy.

Already one mall in Florida has been foreclosed on, and experts predict that others will be forced to close as their tenants shutter their doors in the recession.

The weekend crowds remain steady at Woodfield Mall, a 2.3 million-square foot behemoth in the middle-class community of Schaumburg, despite thousands job cuts by hometown cell phone maker Motorola Inc. But the waves of shoppers filling the mall aren't spending much.

"You're just hanging," said Belinda Turner, a 47-year-old who came to Woodfield Mall in Chicago's suburbs with her husband John, their 11-year-old daughter and a strict \$150 budget. "You can come and you can look and you can have food. But you don't buy. Or you buy small things."

Some mall owners are cutting rents to try to help keep their struggling clientele, while others have fallen into foreclosure. BayWalk, a mall at the center of a revitalization effort in downtown St. Petersburg, Fla., has been foreclosed upon and will go up for sale this month because of competition and slowing sales. It remains open.

None of the about 1,500 malls in the U.S. have closed yet because of the recession, the International



Council of Shopping Centers said.

David Simon, chief executive of Simon Property Group, said in a conference call with investors that he didn't expect closures to be dramatic, "but I do think that there will be malls that close."

Typically, if a mall lost tenants in half its stores, it was unable to pay bills. Then it might shut down or redevelop into an office complex or other format. But many malls have taken on debt that requires fixed payments each month, making their threshold for survival much lower.

"We're seeing vacancy rates on the way up and rents on the way

down," said analyst Kyle McLaughlin. "If they lose tenants or they have to decrease rents, they are in some serious danger of foreclosing and just going into trouble."

Woodfield general manager Marc Strich sees more shoppers browsing while hunting for deals, but said he doesn't think this mall — which last year drew 1,000 buses loaded with shoppers — is in jeopardy. Few shop spaces at the mall managed by Taubman Centers Inc. are empty and the ones that are already are being filled.

"People are studying a little more when they make a purchase and they're looking for value," he said.



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**Left: Shoppers move through Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg, Ill., last month. Top right: Taylor Farr shops for hats at Fans Edge at Woodfield Mall. Bottom right: Isaiah Clinton, 5, has a car custom made for him at RideMakerz. Weekend crowds remain steady but the waves of shoppers filling the mall aren't spending much.**

## Retail sales rise 1% after six-month streak of sharp declines

By REX NUTTING  
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WASHINGTON — U.S. retailers rang up their largest increase in sales in more than a year during January, rebounding strongly after a six-month string of sharp declines, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

Retail sales rose 1 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis last month, marking the first increase since June and the largest percentage increase since

November 2007. The gain was unexpected, with economists surveyed by MarketWatch looking for a decline of 0.4 percent.

However, economists tempered their enthusiasm over the better-than-expected results, believing that the improvement may have been largely the result of problems seasonally adjusting the data after an especially horrid holiday sales season.

Sales fell by 3 percent in December and by 2.4 percent in November, each

revised down by three-tenths of a percentage point.

The figures are adjusted for seasonal factors but not for price changes. The data can be quite volatile.

Retail sales are down 9.7 percent in the past year, the government's data showed.

Rising gasoline prices boosted sales at gas stations by 2.6 percent but had only a small impact on the dollar volume of sales in January. Total retail sales excluding gasoline rose 0.9 percent.

### January sales beat expectations

■ Auto sales rose 1.6 percent after having fallen 2 percent in December.

■ Excluding the 1.6 percent increase in auto sales, January's retail sales increased 0.9 percent, much better than the 0.3 percent decline that had been forecast.

■ Sales at general merchandise stores rose 1.1 percent, despite a 0.3 percent decline at department stores.

■ Sales at apparel stores increased 1.6 percent.

■ Sales at food stores rose 2.1 percent, the biggest increase in more than two years. Sales at restaurants increased 0.8 percent.



## YOUR MONEY

# In-law needs credit card counseling, not a bailout

Dear Liz: My spouse's siblings have decided my husband and I should lend his brother \$11,000 to pay off three credit card bills since they "can't." He says the interest rates are killing him and that he can afford to pay us \$200 a month. In the past, whenever this brother had money issues, his parents took care of them, bailing him out more than once. My spouse feels obligated to his family, but I see it more as being used and expect never to see the \$11,000 again. If we have to go through with this, I'd prefer to have a formal legal document with some protection and collateral. I'd also like to have it written that the credit card accounts are closed and no more will be opened while the loan is being repaid. I've wondered if there isn't a better way to do this safely.

Answer: How nice of your husband's family to decide how you should spend your money. But just because you appear to be better off than they are does not mean you are obligated to support the family spendthrift.

The situation might be different if your brother-in-law's life or health were at stake, or if he suffered an unexpected financial blow. In that case, you might want to honor your spouse's sense of obligation (while perhaps persuading the other siblings to chip in).

In reality, however, what we have is a grown man who can't figure out how to pay an \$11,000 bill without pleading with his siblings for a bailout.

Your spouse should recommend he talk to a legitimate credit counselor about a debt management

program that could lower his interest rates. He can get a referral from the National Foundation for Credit Counseling at [www.nfcc.org](http://www.nfcc.org).

If you do lend the money, you of course should formalize it with a written agreement and collateral. But understand that regardless of the precautions you take, the chances of his actually repaying the loan are slim.

Dear Liz: The balance of my mortgage and the limit on my home equity line of credit totaled 80 percent of my home's value a year ago. Since then, the home's value has dropped at least 30 percent. Can the bank reduce my equity line? If so, by how much? I have high credit scores.

Answer: Yes, your lender typically can reduce your line of credit when your home's value falls. Since the drop-off in price has been so steep and your "loan to value" was already fairly high, you're definitely at risk of having the limit reduced. "Loan to value" means the mortgage balance plus the limits on any other home equity loans or lines of credit as a percentage of the home's current worth. Most lenders these days are wary if loan-to-value exceeds 80 percent. Some have trimmed limits when loan-to-value ratios exceed 60 percent.

If you were planning on tapping your line of credit in the near future, do it now while the money is still available. If your line of credit does get trimmed, you could shop around to see whether other lenders would give you more credit, but expect to have some trouble finding one these days that is willing to take a chance.

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## Money Talk



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Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner testifies on Capitol Hill before the Senate Banking Committee on Tuesday.

# Bank rescue plan takes two tracks

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Emerging details of the Obama administration's revamping of the government's financial-system rescue reveal the Treasury Department intends to operate two distinct programs to infuse capital into the nation's banks.

One would seek to ensure the survival of the biggest banks so that they might at some point return to something like business as usual. These fewer than 20 institutions will undergo a mandatory "stress test" to see whether they can withstand a "worst case" scenario: an economic crisis lasting two more years.

If the exam indicates one of these big banks is in bad shape, it will have to take on new capital — from private investors if available or, if not, from the government.

The second program will include about 8,300 smaller banks, relatively few of which had anything to do with exotic mortgages or the toxic securities backed by them.

These banks, not considered too big to fail, probably will get a less extensive review, Treasury officials say, and will receive capital not if they are in bad shape but only if they are strong enough that they probably do not need the investment.

Indeed, the government is looking at this group of banks, each with assets of less than \$100 billion, as being more likely to increase lending.

"To run a stress test on all of them would take an awful long time, and a lot of the smaller banks are in better shape," said a senior administration official. "At many of them, if you give them fresh capital they'll turn around and start making new loans."

The Treasury began investing in banks last October under the \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief

Program to stabilize the financial industry and promote economic recovery.

Its second phase was outlined Tuesday by Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, who provided few details. Officials later said they were still working on the specifics of the plan.

The mandatory big-bank screening envisioned by the Treasury Department would be wider ranging, making two-year projections based on several scenarios, including a worst case with a continued downturn.

"In effect, you would preposition capital in the (major) banks so they could run off that capital even in a severe downturn," said the senior official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the plan had not been finalized.

The Obama administration's approach would formalize a difference in treatment that has been apparent from the start of TARP but was not acknowledged.

Last October, when the Treasury kicked off the bailout, it not only asked but also insisted that nine huge banks (including Merrill Lynch and Bank of America, which later merged) take a total of \$125 billion in capital.

Since then, more than 300 additional banks have received federal funds — not on command, but by applying for funds and waiting for approval.

The big banks that have gotten the most money could potentially be insolvent if their books reflected the true price their assets would bring in a sale today, said TARP critic Campbell R. Harvey, a Duke University business professor.

"The capital is mostly being funneled to the troubled banks that aren't going to do anything for us in the way of new lending," he said.

*Under the revamped bank rescue plan, the biggest banks will undergo a mandatory 'stress test' to see if they can survive an economic crisis lasting two more years.*

## THURSDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

| INDEXES   |          |                          |          |         |       |           |        |           |          |
|-----------|----------|--------------------------|----------|---------|-------|-----------|--------|-----------|----------|
| 52-week   |          | Name                     | Last     | Net Chg | % Chg | YTD % Chg | 52-wk  | High      | Low      |
| High      | Low      |                          |          |         |       |           |        |           |          |
| 13,136.69 | 7,449.38 | Dow Jones Industrials    | 7,932.76 | -6.77   | -0.09 | -9.61     | -35.91 | 13,136.69 | 7,449.38 |
| 5,536.57  | 2,865.58 | Dow Jones Transportation | 2,986.98 | -19.95  | -0.66 | -15.55    | -36.53 | 5,536.57  | 2,865.58 |
| 530.57    | 294.30   | Dow Jones Utilities      | 366.53   | -2.90   | -0.79 | -1.14     | -26.52 | 530.57    | 294.30   |
| 9,687.24  | 4,607.47 | NYSE Composite           | 5,256.45 | +3.77   | +0.07 | -8.70     | -41.39 | 9,687.24  | 4,607.47 |
| 2,433.31  | 1,130.47 | Amex Index               | 1,405.66 | +2.47   | +0.18 | +5.58     | -37.89 | 2,433.31  | 1,130.47 |
| 2,551.47  | 1,295.48 | Nasdaq Composite         | 1,541.71 | +11.21  | +0.73 | -2.24     | -33.50 | 2,551.47  | 1,295.48 |
| 1,440.24  | 741.02   | S&P 500                  | 835.19   | +1.45   | +0.17 | -7.53     | -38.08 | 1,440.24  | 741.02   |
| 897.37    | 406.45   | S&P MidCap               | 509.51   | +2.62   | +0.52 | -5.34     | -36.11 | 897.37    | 406.45   |
| 764.38    | 371.30   | Russell 2000             | 450.42   | +2.47   | +0.55 | -9.82     | -36.14 | 764.38    | 371.30   |
| 14,564.81 | 7,340.74 | DJ Wilshire 5000         | 8,462.42 | +22.24  | +0.26 | -6.88     | -38.03 | 14,564.81 | 7,340.74 |

| KEY DEFENSE STOCKS   |      |     |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |
|----------------------|------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| Name                 | Div  | PE  | Last  | Chg   | %Chg  | YTD   |  |  |  |
| Alliant Technosystem | ...  | 11  | 80.05 | +4.2  | +6.7  | ...   |  |  |  |
| Boeing               | 1.68 | 11  | 39.86 | +4.7  | +6.6  | ...   |  |  |  |
| Computer Sciences    | ...  | 7   | 39.71 | +5.8  | +13.0 | ...   |  |  |  |
| General Dynamics     | 1.40 | 9   | 53.83 | +0.6  | +6.5  | ...   |  |  |  |
| General Electric     | 1.24 | 7   | 11.68 | +2.6  | +27.9 | ...   |  |  |  |
| Halliburton          | ...  | 36  | 11    | 18.15 | +2.3  | +2    |  |  |  |
| Harris Corp.         | ...  | 80  | 19    | 42.22 | +3.8  | +11.0 |  |  |  |
| Allied Signal        | 1.21 | 8   | 31.87 | +3.2  | +2.9  | ...   |  |  |  |
| L-3 Communications   | 1.40 | 10  | 77.18 | +1.2  | +4.6  | ...   |  |  |  |
| Lockheed Martin      | 2.28 | 10  | 77.38 | +1.1  | +8.0  | ...   |  |  |  |
| Northrop Gr          | 1.60 | ... | 46.36 | +13.0 | +2.9  | ...   |  |  |  |
| Raytheon             | 1.12 | 12  | 46.64 | +3.4  | +8.6  | ...   |  |  |  |
| Rockwell Intl.       | 1.16 | 7   | 24.37 | +2.9  | +24.4 | ...   |  |  |  |
| Texas Instruments    | ...  | 44  | 11    | 16.39 | +1.6  | +5.6  |  |  |  |
| Textron Inc.         | ...  | 92  | 4     | 6.77  | +0.1  | +1.2  |  |  |  |
| United Technologies  | 1.54 | 10  | 46.91 | +7.1  | +12.5 | ...   |  |  |  |

| KEY MUTUAL FUNDS            |       |      |       |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|-------|------|-------|-----|--|--|--|--|--|
| Name                        | NAV   | Chg. | %Ret. | YTD |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fidelity Invest: CroCo      | 48.83 | +5.7 | +3    | ... |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fidelity Spactant: EqlidInv | 29.61 | +0.6 | +7.2  | ... |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fidelity Invest: USBI       | 10.78 | ...  | ...   | ... |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fidelity Invest: GroInc     | 11.96 | +0.4 | +9.2  | ... |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fidelity Invest: AMRG50     | 10.74 | +0.2 | +9    | ... |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fidelity Invest: Ovrsea     | 22.37 | +1.0 | +10.8 | ... |  |  |  |  |  |
| Amer Century Inv: Ultra     | 14.06 | +0.7 | +2.7  | ... |  |  |  |  |  |
| Putnam Funds A: GrInA p     | 8.49  | +0.2 | +9.6  | ... |  |  |  |  |  |
| AIM Investments A: ChartA p | 11.08 | +0.1 | +4.6  | ... |  |  |  |  |  |
| AIM Investments A: Const p  | 16.36 | +0.1 | +2.9  | ... |  |  |  |  |  |
| Frank/Tenn Fmk A: SMOpGrA   | 20.19 | +1.2 | +5    | ... |  |  |  |  |  |
| DWS Invest S: GroIncS       | 10.66 | +0.3 | +2.8  | ... |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fidelity Advisor T: EqlnT   | 14.92 | +0.6 | +12.0 | ... |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fidelity Advisor T: GroOpT  | 18.98 | +1.4 | +3    | ... |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fidelity Advisor T: SMOpGrA | 31.07 | +1.1 | +10.4 | ... |  |  |  |  |  |
| Putnam Funds A: GrInEqty p  | 5.85  | ...  | +8.2  | ... |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lord Abbett A: DevGTA p     | 10.59 | +0.5 | +2    | ... |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fidelity Advisor T: OvrseaT | 11.89 | +0.3 | +11.5 | ... |  |  |  |  |  |
| DWS Invest S: CorpFinInc    | 9.70  | +0.1 | ...   | ... |  |  |  |  |  |

## EXCHANGE RATES

| Military rates                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                 |
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| Euro costs (Feb. 16)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$1.3173        |
| Dollar buys (Feb. 16)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | € 0.7591        |
| British pound (Feb. 16)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$1.49          |
| Japanese yen (Feb. 16)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | ¥ 88.00         |
| South Korean won (Feb. 16)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | ₩ 1,365.00      |
| Commercial rates                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                 |
| Bahrain (Dinar)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 0.3770          |
| British pound                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$1.4398        |
| Canada (Dollar)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1.2390          |
| China (Yuan)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 6.8423          |
| Denmark (Krone)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 5.8038          |
| Egypt (Pound)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 5.5550          |
| Euro                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$1.2847/0.7784 |
| Hong Kong (Dollar)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 7.7532          |
| Hungary (Forint)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 232.67          |
| Israel (Shekel)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 4.0585          |
| Japan (Yen)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 91.73           |
| Kuwait (Dinar)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 0.2910          |
| Norway (Krone)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 6.814           |
| Philippines (Peso)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 47.10           |
| Poland (Zloty)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 3.63            |
| Saudi Arabia (Riyal)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3.7507          |
| Singapore (Dollar)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1.5090          |
| South Korea (Won)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1,404.40        |
| Switzerland (Franc)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1.1635          |
| Thailand (Baht)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 35.07           |
| Turkey (New Lira)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1.6489          |
| (Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.) |                 |
| PRECIOUS METALS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                 |
| New York Merc close                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                 |
| Gold                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$948.50        |
| Silver                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$13.505        |
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| 30-year bond                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3.52            |
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**Yokosuka - 2003 BMW M3 Convertible**, 22K miles, US model, Red/red/black, SMG transmission, Almost every option. Must sell soon. \$25K OBO. Email killmine@yahoo.com Call 080-9104-6198

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**Yokota - 1997 Mazda MPV** \$2500 JCI Oct. 2010. Exterior: white & tan, mileage: 76,200 km, interior: gray, extras: auto entry, auto start, new sound system, good condition tires, tinted windows. Alternate e-mail: chris7452@aol.com

**Yokota - 1999 Mitsubishi Chariot** Grandis V6 Royal. No Scratches or Dents. Non Smoker. 7 Passenger Van, Strong V6, 3,000cc GDI Engine JCI 24 Jan 2011. \$ 4,500 obo. Contact 1-801-983-0802

**Yokota - '95 Honda Civic** PCSing must sell!! 35K km, CD player. Great for driving around here. Very clean! JCI Aug 09. \$1000 obo. Contact - 593430778

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**Yokota - Domani for sale** It's a 4 door, black, runs well, never had a problem with it 20 dollars will fill your tank up not a gas guzzler at all. Price is so low due to JCI in 3 months. JCI May 2009. \$500. Contact 512-275-4912

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**Yokota, Japan - 1993 Nissan Cedric** - 4door. JCI will expire Nov. 2010 nearly 2 full yrs JCI! Great Car! Runs great, good shape P/W, P/L, P/S. Good A/C and heat. Also, in dash touch screen CD/DVD/mp3 player. Asking \$2200 OBO Call 1.313.347.1017 if interested, first reasonable offer gets it!

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**Yokota, Japan - 1996 Honda Odyssey** (Excellent Condition) Excellent condition once owned by Japanese owners. Japanese Owner does not want to deal with JCI so deciding to sell it. Went through a Super tune up including Timing belt changed. Have list done by garage but in Japanese. Van does need JCI but should pass JCI inspection with no problem. Please call 080-1373-2338 or leave number on e-mail to come check the Van out. Wants 100,000 yen (Dollar to Yen should be \$1000).

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**Yokota, Japan - 92 Toyota Soarer** w/ 18" rims willing to negotiate I am selling this for my buddy who just got deployed. He is PCSing as soon as he gets back. Runs great, Should pass inspection no problem. 12 disc CD player. Great all around car asking price is 1200 but willing to negotiate. Just email me if you have any questions. Pictures will be coming very soon. JCI until March 2009 asking \$1200 obo call 763-354-3525

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**Yokota, Japan - 2000 Subaru B4** Twin Turbo 2 Years JCI! 2000 Subaru Legacy 2.0 Twin Turbo All Wheel Drive (great for winter time) 2000 Subaru Legacy 2.0 Twin Turbo JCI until November 2010 Manual Transmission Tinted Windows Push Start Engine Intake/Exhaust Turbo Timer/ Air Fuel Ratio/ Volts/ O2 Sensor Apexi Actuator Valve Control/ Boost Controller Coil Over Suspension Brand new Firelli tires Street/Snow Asking \$3800 firm Please call 425-274-4379 or email dani\_co3@yahoo.com

**Yokota, Japan - 93 Toyota Chaser** JZX90 w/ new JCI Dec 2010 93 Toyota Chaser JZX90 Twin Turbo Stock Intake Stock Blowoff Aftermarket Exhaust 18" Rims New Front Tires Sunroof MOMO steering wheel LED lights inside 7" in-dash screen 2 year JCI Also have stock tires if needed Car is wired up for sub & amp installation owner. Asking \$3000 OBO PCSing, contact me before March 2009 # 558-368-6844 ask for Aaron

**Yokota, Japan - 94 Nissan Cedric** GREAT Car, nice A/C DVD player, CD player, new lights inside and out, 760W AMP two 12 inch subs, 18 inch spinning rims AKA spinners which are "Optional" if bought extra set of 4 chrome 18 inch rims great condition. JCI expire April 2009, asking \$1200 call number 090-9808-4255

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**Yokota, Japan - '94 Toyota Soarer** w/ full body kit, 18" rims 7"LCD monitor; Momo steering wheel only problem is JCI due Mar 09 and there's a crack on the windshield w/c will cost around \$300-400. Asking \$1200 Need to sell ASAP work # 225-5234 (days)

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**Yokota - Really great car** 1996 Nissan March JCI thru March 2010. Cold air, hot heat, new tires, runs great. Looks good. \$1200 OBO. 904-229-0520 or 090-6564-1665.

**Yokota - Team Geki JZX90** Tourer V (Fully Loaded). JCI October 2009. JPY800,000. E-mail bluefactory2@yahoo.com

**Zama - Car for Sale:** 1994 Cadillac Seville, 20" inch tires, heated seats, JCI is good, American side, good interior, leather seats, air conditioning and heating, PW/PL, asking \$5000.00 or best offer, if interested please call 080-5094-7940, or if you would like a pic please email me at altshau06@yahoo.com.

## Motorcycles 164

**Yokota - 1993 Kawasaki ZXR 400**, Bike is in very good condition. Will have 2 years of JCI by the end of this week. Very fun in the mountains on the twisties. Bike has practically brand new tires. I ride to work every day. Fires right up no matter how cold it is. JCI Feb 2011 \$3000. Contact 1-615-345-8820

**Yokota - 2004 GSX-R 600 K-4** Edition, yellow, mint condition, aftermarket full exhaust (Fish Bone), Ohlins steering damper, custom seat w/R emblem, headlight cover, new tires, JCI August 2010, very low mi, \$7900. Call 080-3204-2513 or email aladain002@yahoo.com for PICS.

## Auto Parts 180

**Yokota - 4 Chrome Rims** w/tires (205 45 R16) \$375 obo. Call 080-3204-2513 or 813-200-9379

**Yokota - For Sale - \$400 OBO**, 4ea, 18" wheels & tires, 6 Spoke, Alum universal wheels, Bridgestone Potenza G3, 225/45R 18 Tires, Call Larry 080-5050-0179

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Yokota - Dining room table & chairs. It is the same exact tables at the pizza hut eating section at the Bktra. A few scratches but in good condition. \$65.00 OBO Call 901-273-9556

Yokota - End tables, rocking chair, and more Two glass top end tables \$10 each. A wooden rocking chair good condition for \$25; swivel chair for \$20; small heater for \$5; upright vacuum \$20. \$20.00. 6145594904.

Yokota, Japan - Bed frame and dressers Heavy Duty King or Queen Size bed frame. Can be set to either size. Can be mounted to a head board. \$25 Can send picture if needed. I have 2 of the five Drawer dressers. They are made of a white wash finish. They measure 40" H x 25" W x 15" D. \$40 each Call Jessie @ 813-323-9370 or email (mjlab@yahoo.com) to come and see. Please call 813-200-9370

Yokota, Japan - Ethan Allen Queen Bed Ethan Allen Queen Size Bed for sale. Modern style dark wood same style for sale in stores for \$925. Asking \$50 OBO. Please email carysmith@hotmail.com

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Yokota, Japan - Hannah Montana girls shoes size 12 1/2 Brand new, tags still on and in box paid original \$19.99 for them. My daughter doesn't fit in them. Very cute, black with silver stars and a guitar on top Asking \$12 Please call 210-881-4403

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Yokota, Japan - Want Bed/Other Furniture recently PCS'd here and we desperately need a few things! Top priority: A Twin or Full Size Bed for my daughter! Needed badly Top priority: A Twin or Full Size Bed for my daughter! Needed badly Sofa/Recliner--we have neither Queen size box springs and bed frame (nothing fancy but we are sleeping on a mattress on the floor) I will need these items delivered! My husband can help load. I will consider renting a truck to pick up if the price is low enough double tandem stroller--I'm expecting! Also if anyone has any house wares they don't need--we do! Please email xbrandyx82@yahoo.com

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Yokota, Japan - Philips 10.2" DVD Player, Brand new in box, never been used. Sells for \$205 in stores. This unit will play almost anything. DVDs, CDs, memory cards and flash drives. The reason for selling it is I got it for Christmas but I already have another one. \$200 obo. Contact 08031783849

Yokota - Selling Xbox games: \$3.00 each. Project Gotham Racing, SEGA GT 2002, AF Delta Storm, Brothers in Arms, Earned in Blood (live only enabled), Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six 3 (live online enabled). What a deal! Contact us now! My kids are trying to sell these so they can buy other games! Contact 901-273-9939

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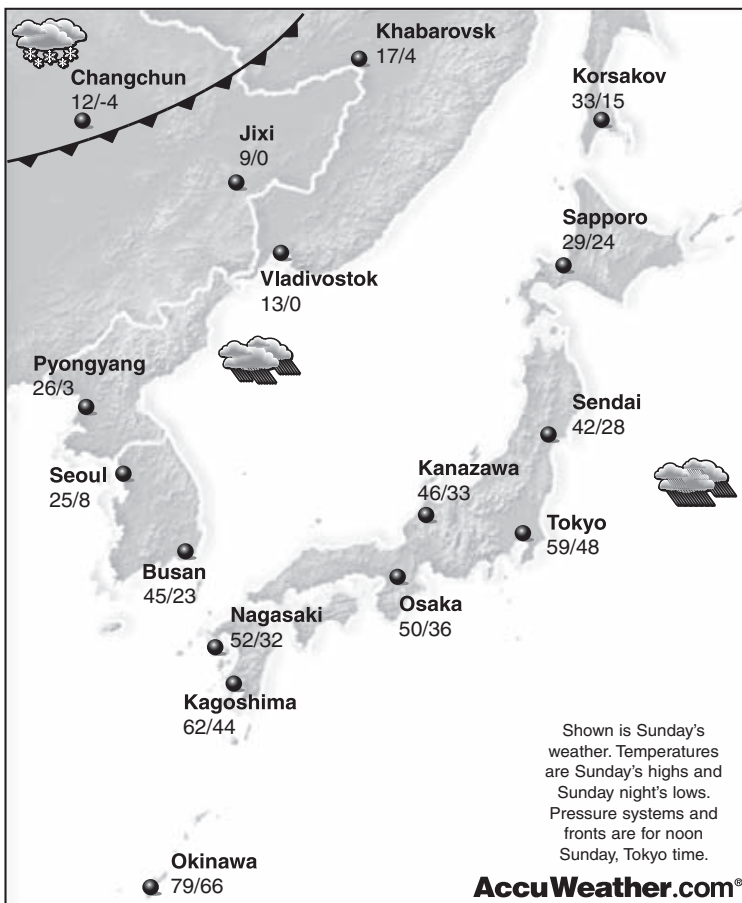
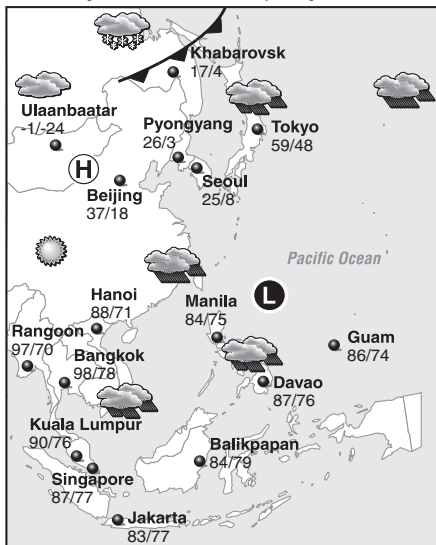
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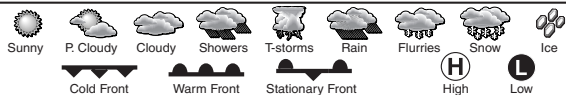
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| Yokosuka             | 7:40 a.m.  | 1:43 a.m.  | 8:42 p.m.  | 2:26 p.m. |
| Sasebo               | 11:31 a.m. | 5:40 a.m.  | none       | 6:08 p.m. |
| Naha                 | 10:26 a.m. | 4:19 a.m.  | 11:17 p.m. | 5:04 p.m. |
| Hachinohe            | 6:07 a.m.  | 1:00 p.m.  | 7:10 p.m.  | none      |
| <b>Korea</b>         |            |            |            |           |
| Cheju Island/Sogwipo | 2:20 a.m.  | 9:15 a.m.  | 2:23 p.m.  | 9:21 p.m. |
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| <b>Guam</b>          |            |            |            |           |
| Apra Harbor          | 11:10 a.m. | 5:17 a.m.  | none       | 6:22 p.m. |
| Location             | Monday     |            |            |           |
|                      | High       | Low        | High       | Low       |
| <b>Japan</b>         |            |            |            |           |
| Yokosuka             | 8:03 a.m.  | 2:03 a.m.  | 9:47 p.m.  | 3:12 p.m. |
| Sasebo               | 12:26 a.m. | 6:09 a.m.  | 11:56 a.m. | 6:49 p.m. |
| Naha                 | 10:55 a.m. | 4:46 a.m.  | none       | 5:54 p.m. |
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Shown is Sunday's weather. Temperatures are Sunday's highs and Sunday night's lows. Pressure systems and fronts are for noon Sunday, Tokyo time.

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## CANADA

| City        | Hi  | Lo  | W     |
|-------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Calgary     | 15  | 5   | Snow  |
| Edmonton    | 12  | 5   | PCldy |
| Halifax     | 30  | 19  | Cldy  |
| Iqaluit     | -10 | -19 | Cldy  |
| Montreal    | 27  | 9   | Cldy  |
| Ottawa      | 27  | 12  | PCldy |
| Quebec      | 25  | 14  | Cldy  |
| Regina      | 4   | -10 | Cldy  |
| Toronto     | 29  | 16  | PCldy |
| Vancouver   | 42  | 29  | Cldy  |
| Whitehorse  | 16  | 0   | PCldy |
| Winnipeg    | 35  | 21  | Cldy  |
| Yellowknife | 13  | -1  | Cldy  |

## EUROPE

| City      | Hi | Lo | W     |
|-----------|----|----|-------|
| Amsterdam | 41 | 34 | Rain  |
| Berlin    | 29 | 24 | Snow  |
| Belgrade  | 32 | 27 | Snow  |
| Brussels  | 41 | 36 | Rain  |
| Uttin     | 50 | 41 | Cldy  |
| Glasgow   | 48 | 41 | Cldy  |
| Lisbon    | 63 | 46 | Sun   |
| London    | 48 | 39 | PCldy |
| Madrid    | 57 | 32 | Sun   |
| Moscow    | 34 | 30 | Snow  |
| Paris     | 45 | 34 | Shwr  |
| Rome      | 46 | 32 | Sun   |
| Warsaw    | 32 | 25 | Flyr  |

## MIDDLE EAST

| City           | Hi | Lo | W     |
|----------------|----|----|-------|
| Ashgabat       | 63 | 43 | PCldy |
| Bahgdad        | 77 | 54 | Sun   |
| Cairo          | 70 | 51 | Sun   |
| Dhahran        | 80 | 63 | PCldy |
| Islamabad      | 74 | 43 | Sun   |
| Incorik        | 59 | 39 | Rain  |
| Kabul          | 49 | 23 | Sun   |
| Kandahar       | 71 | 40 | PCldy |
| Karachi        | 87 | 62 | Sun   |
| Kuwait         | 79 | 68 | PCldy |
| Mazar-e-Sharif | 63 | 38 | Sun   |
| Telhran        | 60 | 48 | Sun   |
| Tel Aviv       | 64 | 49 | PCldy |
| Zahedan        | 68 | 39 | PCldy |

## AFRICA

| City       | Hi  | Lo | W     |
|------------|-----|----|-------|
| Abidjan    | 87  | 75 | Tstm  |
| Algiers    | 55  | 31 | PCldy |
| Cape Town  | 81  | 63 | Sun   |
| Casablanca | 73  | 54 | PCldy |
| Durban     | 72  | 64 | Shwr  |
| Freetown   | 91  | 71 | Sun   |
| Kano       | 102 | 59 | PCldy |
| Khartoum   | 108 | 71 | Sun   |
| Kisangani  | 91  | 66 | Tstm  |
| Luanda     | 87  | 78 | PCldy |
| Malakal    | 105 | 70 | PCldy |
| Mogadishu  | 89  | 76 | Sun   |
| Tabora     | 83  | 60 | Sun   |
| Timbuktu   | 88  | 61 | Sun   |

## LATIN AMERICA

| City           | Hi | Lo | W     |
|----------------|----|----|-------|
| Acapulco       | 88 | 72 | Sun   |
| Bogota         | 67 | 43 | Rain  |
| Buenos Aires   | 93 | 73 | Sun   |
| Cancun         | 86 | 65 | Sun   |
| Havana         | 85 | 61 | Sun   |
| Kingston       | 86 | 75 | Rain  |
| Lima           | 86 | 66 | PCldy |
| Mexico City    | 81 | 67 | Sun   |
| Nassau         | 82 | 49 | Sun   |
| Puerto Plata   | 84 | 78 | PCldy |
| Rio de Janeiro | 83 | 75 | Shwr  |
| Santiago       | 84 | 55 | Sun   |
| Santo Domingo  | 84 | 69 | Shwr  |
| San Jose       | 75 | 67 | Tstm  |

## ASIA / PACIFIC

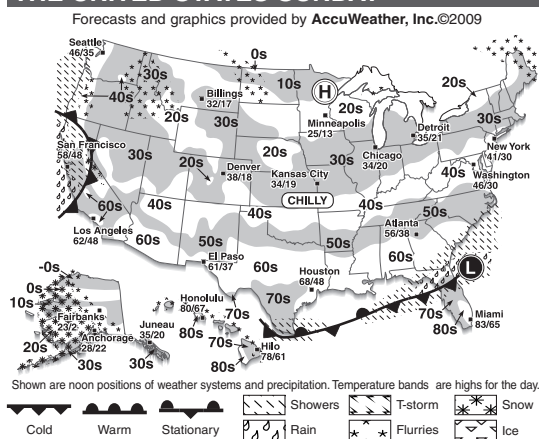
| City       | Hi | Lo | W     |
|------------|----|----|-------|
| Auckland   | 70 | 62 | PCldy |
| Colombo    | 90 | 75 | Sun   |
| Darwin     | 87 | 74 | Rain  |
| Dhaka      | 89 | 71 | Sun   |
| Hong Kong  | 75 | 68 | PCldy |
| Kathmandu  | 83 | 41 | Sun   |
| Melbourne  | 79 | 58 | PCldy |
| Mumbai     | 88 | 73 | Sun   |
| New Delhi  | 75 | 52 | PCldy |
| Phnom Penh | 93 | 74 | Cldy  |
| Shanghai   | 49 | 37 | Shwr  |
| Sydney     | 70 | 66 | Rain  |
| Taipei     | 79 | 68 | Shwr  |
| Xining     | 50 | 18 | PCldy |

## SUNDAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

| City           | Hi | Lo | W     |
|----------------|----|----|-------|
| Abilene, TX    | 62 | 36 | PCldy |
| Akron, OH      | 36 | 19 | PCldy |
| Albany, NY     | 33 | 18 | Sun   |
| Albuquerque    | 51 | 30 | PCldy |
| Allentown, PA  | 42 | 22 | PCldy |
| Amarillo       | 47 | 26 | PCldy |
| Anchorage      | 28 | 22 | Snow  |
| Asheville      | 52 | 33 | PCldy |
| Atlanta        | 56 | 38 | PCldy |
| Atlantic City  | 44 | 20 | PCldy |
| Austin         | 68 | 44 | PCldy |
| Baltimore      | 45 | 26 | PCldy |
| Baton Rouge    | 67 | 43 | Shwr  |
| Billings       | 32 | 17 | Cldy  |
| Birmingham     | 59 | 35 | PCldy |
| Bismarck       | 21 | 7  | Snow  |
| Boise          | 39 | 26 | Cldy  |
| Boston         | 37 | 25 | Sun   |
| Bridgeport     | 42 | 26 | Sun   |
| Brownsville    | 74 | 61 | Cldy  |
| Buffalo        | 32 | 17 | PCldy |
| Burlington     | 27 | 14 | PCldy |
| Caribou, ME    | 32 | 17 | Cldy  |
| Casper         | 37 | 14 | PCldy |
| Charleston, SC | 63 | 43 | PCldy |
| Charleston, WV | 45 | 27 | PCldy |
| Charlotte, NC  | 56 | 34 | PCldy |
| Chattanooga    | 58 | 34 | PCldy |
| Cheyenne       | 34 | 17 | Sun   |
| Chicago        | 20 | 10 | PCldy |
| Cincinnati     | 44 | 23 | PCldy |
| Cleveland      | 36 | 22 | PCldy |

| City            | Hi | Lo | W     |
|-----------------|----|----|-------|
| Colorado Sprgs. | 37 | 18 | Sun   |
| Columbia, SC    | 62 | 39 | PCldy |
| Columbia, GA    | 63 | 40 | PCldy |
| Columbus, OH    | 42 | 22 | PCldy |
| Concord, NH     | 36 | 15 | PCldy |
| Corpus Christi  | 69 | 55 | Cldy  |
| Dallas          | 60 | 39 | PCldy |
| Dayton          | 38 | 22 | PCldy |
| Daytona Beach   | 73 | 52 | Shwr  |
| Denver          | 38 | 18 | PCldy |
| Des Moines      | 31 | 17 | Cldy  |
| Detroit         | 35 | 21 | PCldy |
| Duluth          | 21 | 5  | PCldy |
| El Paso         | 61 | 37 | PCldy |
| Elkins          | 44 | 22 | PCldy |
| Enid            | 33 | 18 | PCldy |
| Eugene          | 46 | 32 | Shwr  |
| Evansville      | 41 | 25 | Cldy  |
| Fairbanks       | 23 | 2  | Cldy  |
| Fargo           | 17 | 6  | PCldy |
| Flagstaff       | 40 | 20 | PCldy |
| Flint           | 33 | 18 | PCldy |
| Fort Smith      | 48 | 32 | PCldy |
| Fort Wayne      | 37 | 23 | Cldy  |
| Fresno          | 57 | 46 | Cldy  |
| Goodland        | 33 | 17 | Snow  |
| Grand Junction  | 41 | 23 | PCldy |
| Grand Rapids    | 33 | 19 | PCldy |
| Great Falls     | 30 | 9  | Snow  |
| Green Bay       | 30 | 14 | PCldy |
| Greensboro, NC  | 54 | 34 | PCldy |
| Harrisburg      | 42 | 26 | PCldy |

## THE UNITED STATES SUNDAY



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# IOC president starts Vancouver countdown

By JEREMY HAINSWORTH  
The Associated Press

RICHMOND, British Columbia — International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge predicted an “extraordinary and memorable” Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics as the one-year countdown to the Games began Thursday.

On behalf of the world’s Olympics committees, the Russian, Canadian, U.S. and British Olympic representatives accepted invitations to Vancouver for the Games.

Rogge presented the invitations in Vancouver, the first time it has been outside the Olympic homebase of Lausanne, Switzerland.

“The countdown has begun,” Rogge told a crowd at the new Olympic speedskating oval in the Vancouver suburb of Richmond. “In just one year, the slopes of Whistler, the Pacific Coliseum and Cypress Mountain will be open for Olympic competition.”

Earlier in the day, Rogge unveiled the torches for the Olympic relay across Canada and congratulated the Games organizing committee for its work.

Rogge said earlier that everything appears to be on track for the Games.

“I have been extremely pleased with the progress of the organization,” Rogge said.

Rogge, however, did acknowl-

edged the Olympics in general have not been immune to the effects of the global economic crisis.

He said a focus has been kept on controlling costs.

The Vancouver organizing committee recently dipped into its contingency fund to the tune of \$40 million to cover rising costs because of the slowing economy.

The city also just approved a new budget that will allow it to borrow \$350 million or more to take over building of the athletes’ village after the original lender stopped payment because of cost overruns and a crashing real estate market.

Vancouver Mayor Gregor

Robertson recently announced taxpayers are “on the hook” for village costs.

Rogge said he’s confident Vancouver can recoup its costs through sales of the village condos.

The Vancouver Games have an operating budget of \$1.63 billion — a \$104 million increase over the original budget that was developed about two years ago.

Games security was originally estimated at \$140 million to be split between the provincial and federal governments. The Canadian government has since acknowledged that cost could be as high as \$800 million — or 1 billion in Canadian funds.

## Class AA: Visitors have good chances

CLASS AA, FROM PAGE 46

But there are dangers.

Seoul American’s boys (35-10) won the tournament last year and are hoping to win their first Class AA title on the road in 13 years.

Winning the Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference tournament last week “kind of sets the stage,” coach Steve Boyd said.

“The way we played last week-end was a positive for us.”

Four-time Class AA girls champion Faith Academy (35-0) just completed its first unbeaten regular season and will take aim at its first Class AA title since 2000.

Seoul American’s girls (25-1) might have to do without star senior forward Devanee Taylor (ankle), but have sufficient depth to overcome that, coach Billy Ratcliff said.

“She’s definitely making the trip with us,” he said, adding that if she can’t play, “we’ll play with somebody else. It’s nice to have that situation.”

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## Class A: Coach says DODDS can compete

CLASS A, FROM PAGE 46

Daegu boys coach Phillip Loyd insists that all teams, DODDS or otherwise, have ability; like Barker, Loyd says it’s the ability to play all 32 minutes relentlessly that separates good from bad teams.

“I try to narrow their focus, get them to understand those things and that if they don’t go in focused and play their best basketball every time we go up against those teams, they’re going to lose, and lose badly,” Loyd said.

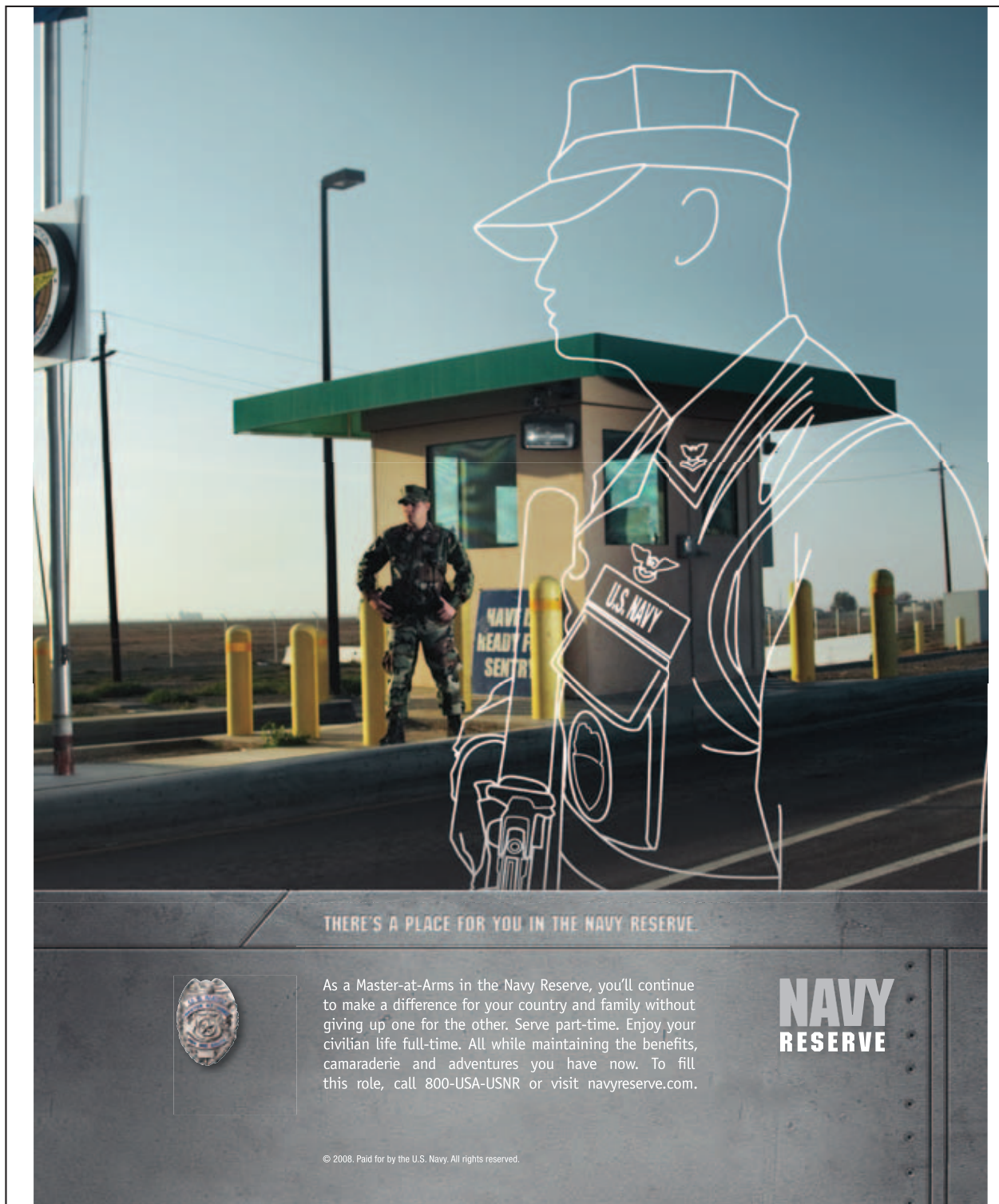
“They know what to look for, they know what to do, they find those weaknesses and exploit them. And the next thing you know, you’re in a hole you can’t get out of.”

Keeping focus in practice is another method, Barker said. “The more you practice, the more you know exactly what to do,” he said.

At the very least, especially when a team with a winless record is concerned, a coach stresses to players to seek every benefit they can.

“My kids are looking forward to seeing Far East, good basketball that the international schools play, something to compare themselves to,” Seitz said. “And hopefully, that will send them back to the court to practice some more. And next year, they’ll know what they have to do to win. It’s an obstacle, but if you look at the whole picture, you can get a whole lot of positives out of it.”

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**AFN-Atlantic, 5:30 a.m.**-College basketball: Kansas at Kansas State.

**AFN-Xtra, 6 a.m.**-College basketball: Cincinnati at Pittsburgh.

**AFN-Atlantic, 8 a.m.**-College basketball: Texas A&M at Baylor.

**AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m.**-College basketball: Mississippi at Louisiana State.

**AFN-Sports, 10:30 a.m.**-NBA: All-Star Weekend, shooting stars, skills challenge, three-point shootout, slam-dunk contest at Phoenix.

**AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.**-College basketball: Ohio State at Wisconsin.

**AFN-Atlantic, noon**-College basketball: Texas Tech at Oklahoma (dld).

**AFN-Xtra, 1 p.m.**-College basketball: Connecticut at Seton Hall (dld).

**AFN-Xtra, 3 p.m.**-College basketball: Minnesota at Penn State (dld).

**AFN-Sports, 5 a.m.**-Cycling: Tour of California, preview and prologue (dld).

**AFN-Xtra, 5 p.m.**-NHL: Boston at Nashville (dld).

**AFN-Xtra, 7:30 p.m.**-NHL: Dallas at Chicago (dld).

**AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.**-NBA: All-Star Weekend, shooting stars, skills challenge, three-point shootout, slam-dunk contest at Phoenix (dld).

**AFN-Xtra, 10 p.m.**-College basketball: Kentucky at Arkansas (dld).

**AFN-Xtra, midnight**-College basketball: Florida at Georgia (dld).

**Monday**

**AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.**-NBA: All-Star Weekend, shooting stars, skills challenge, three-point shootout, slam-dunk contest at Phoenix (dld).

**AFN-Atlantic, 2:30 a.m.**-NHL: Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers.

**AFN-Xtra, 3 a.m.**-College basketball: Illinois at Indiana.

**AFN-Sports, 4 a.m.**-Auto racing: NASCAR Sprint Cup Daytona 500.

**AFN-Atlantic, 5 a.m.**-Golf: PGA Pebble Beach Pro-Am, final round.

**AFN-Xtra, 6 a.m.**-College basketball: Michigan at Northwestern.

**AFN-Xtra, 7:30 a.m.**-College basketball: Duke at Boston College.

**AFN-Xtra, 9:45 a.m.**-College basketball: North Carolina at Miami, Fla.

**AFN-Sports, 10:30 a.m.**-NBA: All-Star Game at Phoenix.

**AFN-Xtra, noon**-College basketball: Southern California at Arizona State.

**AFN-Xtra, 2 p.m.**-College basketball: Clemson at Virginia (dld).

**AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.**-NBA: All-Star Game at Phoenix (dld).

**AFN-Sports, 6 p.m.**-Auto racing: NASCAR Sprint Cup Daytona 500 (dld).

**AFN-Sports, midnight**-Cycling: Tour of California, Stage 1 (dld).

**AFN-Xtra, midnight-NBA:** All-Star Game at Phoenix (dld).

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Skiing

**World Championships**

**Men's giant slalom**

**Friday**

**At Val d'Isere, France**

1. Carlo Janka, Switzerland, 2 minutes 18.82 seconds (1:08.25+1:10.57).
2. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 2:19.53 (1:08.73+1:10.80).
3. Ted Ligety, United States, 2:19.81 (1:09.96+1:09.85).
4. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 2:19.88 (1:09.40+1:10.48).
5. Max Blardone, Italy, 2:20.49 (1:09.21+1:11.28).
6. Didier Cuche, Switzerland, 2:20.51 (1:09.38+1:11.13).
7. Jean-Baptiste Grange, France, 2:20.57 (1:09.90+1:10.67).
8. Alexander Ploner, Italy, 2:20.60 (1:10.24+1:10.36).
9. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 2:20.61 (1:10.46+1:10.15).
10. Marc Berthod, Switzerland, 2:20.76 (1:10.55+1:10.21).
11. Davide Simoncelli, Italy, 2:20.86 (1:10.59+1:10.27).
12. Manfred Moelgg, Italy, 2:21.15 (1:09.44+1:11.71).
13. Truls Ove Karlsen, Norway, 2:21.25 (1:10.20+1:11.05).
14. Philipp Schoerghofer, Austria, 2:21.30 (1:09.84+1:11.46).
15. Gauthier De Tessieres, France, 2:21.65 (1:10.85+1:10.80).
16. Marcus Sandell, Finland, 2:21.72 (1:11.77+1:09.95).
17. Jukka Leino, Finland, 2:22.27 (1:12.76+1:10.51).
18. Bernard Vajdic, Slovenia, 2:22.59 (1:11.31+1:11.28).
19. Felix Neureuther, Germany, 2:22.66 (1:12.11+1:10.55).
20. Didier Defago, Switzerland, 2:22.70 (1:10.78+1:11.92).
21. Robbie Dixon, Canada, 2:22.84 (1:12.27+1:10.57).

College basketball

**Thursday's men's scores**

**EAST**

Delaware 66, George Mason 58  
Elms 95, Daniel Webster 72  
Fairleigh Dickinson 80, Cent. Connecticut 53  
Farmingdale 66, St. Joseph's, L.I. 61  
Gordon 64, Bates 52  
Gwynedd-Mercy 94, Phila. Biblical 48  
Holy Family 89, Chestnut Hill 78  
Long Island U. 74, Monmouth, N.J. 57  
Marist 75, Fairfield 66  
Mount St. Mary's, Md. 68, St. Francis, N.Y. 57  
Niagara 57, Canisius 41  
Nyack 76, Caldwell 63  
Philadelphia 61, Sciences, Pa. 37  
Unioninipac 59, St. Francis, Pa. 55  
Robert Morris 85, Sacred Heart 79  
Siena 93, Manhattan 69  
Stony Brook 58, Albany, N.Y. 47  
Temple 61, Saint Joseph's 59  
Utah Valley St. 61, N.J. Tech 40  
Wagner 72, Bryant 60  
Westfield St. 83, Curry 76  
Wheelock 73, Newbury 65  
Yeshiva 79, St. Vincent 73

**SOUTH**

Belmont Abbey 88, Lees-McRae 68  
Benedict 88, Tuskegee 50  
Chattanooga 76, Elon 54  
Chowan 92, Virginia St. 74  
Christian Brothers 53, Ouachita 42  
Davidson 78, Wofford 61  
E. Kentucky 84, SE Missouri 64  
Florida Atlantic 67, Denver 61  
Furman 70, Georgia Southern 60  
Georgetown, Ky. 56, Cumberlands 53  
IUPUI 79, Cotenah 67  
Jacksonville 72, North Florida 50  
Kentucky St. 81, LeMoyne-Owen 80  
Kentucky Wesleyan 75, Bellarmine 67  
Lambuth 83, Trevecca Nazarene 62  
Lane 63, Miles 47  
Lipscomb 73, Belmont 69  
Louisiana Tech 55, Fresno St. 42  
Louisiana-Monroe 73, La.-Lafayette 69  
Martin Methodist 80, Freed-Hardeman 74  
Mid-Continent 86, Bethel, Tenn. 71  
Morehead St. 64, E. Illinois 48  
Troy 70, Middle Tennessee 52  
Samford 73, UNC Greensboro 60  
South Alabama 66, Fla. Int'l 65  
Stetson 66, Savannah St. 52  
Tenn.-Martin 99, Jacksonville St. 74  
The Citadel 78, Appalachian St. 73, OT  
Troy 70, Middle Tennessee 54  
Union, Tenn. 92, Cumberland, Tenn. 67  
Voorhees 71, Fisk 41  
WVU Tech 67, St. Catharine 61

**MIDWEST**

Avila 69, Baker 64  
Buffalo 58, E. Michigan 49  
Cleveland St. 70, W. Illinois 61  
Ford Hays St. 59, Truman St. 56  
Grand Valley St. 63, N. Michigan 57  
Hannibal-LaGrange 56, Culver-Stockton 50  
Illinois 60, Northwestern 59  
Kan. Wesleyan 104, Bethany, Kan. 71  
Lake Superior St. 89, Tiffin 50  
Michigan Tech 66, Ferris St. 58  
Mid-Am Nazarene 87, Graceland, Iowa 70  
N. Dakota St. 87, UMKC 49  
Notre Dame 90, Louisville 57  
Ottawa, Kan. 83, McPherson 74  
S. Dakota St. 74, S. Utah 69  
Tabor 47, Bethel, Kan. 28  
Youngstown St. 77, Wis.-Green Bay 73

**SOUTHWEST**

Ark.-Little Rock 58, Arkansas St. 57  
Howard Payne 69, Hardin-Simmons 68  
Mary Hardin-Baylor 97, Texas Lutheran 81  
North Texas 79, New Orleans 69  
Oral Roberts 49, W. Illinois 46  
S. Arkansas 78, Harding 69  
St. Edward's 73, Texas-Permian Basin 66

**FAR WEST**

Arizona 83, Southern Cal 76  
Arizona St. 74, UCLA 67  
Gonzaga 72, Saint Mary's, Calif. 70  
Idaho St. 78, Portland St. 69  
Loyola Marymount 65, San Diego 57  
Montana 60, Sacramento St. 48  
N. Arizona 83, Montana St. 64  
N. Colorado 80, North Dakota 72  
Nevada 80, San Jose St. 68  
Pacific 70, Cal St.-Fullerton 51  
Pepperdine 66, Santa Clara 60  
Portland 72, San Francisco 67  
UC Davis 85, UC Irvine 76  
Utah St. 62, Idaho 53  
Washington 79, Oregon St. 60  
Washington St. 67, Oregon 38  
Weber St. 74, E. Washington 57

**EXHIBITION**

Albany St. 74, Morehouse 71, OT  
Findlay 91, Northwood 52

Boxing

**Fight schedule**

**Feb. 20**

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Jesus Gonzales, Phoenix, vs. Richard Gutierrez, Miami, 10, light middleweights.

**Feb. 21**

At Madison Square Garden, New York, Miguel Cotto, Puerto Rico, vs. Michael Jennings, England, 12, for the vacant WBO welterweight title.

At Youngstown, Ohio, Kelly Pavlik, Youngstown, Ohio, vs. Marco Antonio Rubio, Mexico, 12, for Pavlik's WBC-WBO middleweight titles.

**Feb. 27**

At Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Hollywood, Fla., Glen Johnson, Miami, vs. Daniel Judah, Brooklyn, N.Y., 10, light heavyweights.

At the Prudential Center, Newark,

**Thursday's women's scores**

**EAST**

Alvernia 61, Ursinus 48  
Cabrinl 70, Rosemont 41  
Caldwell 74, Nyack 67  
Daniel Webster 77, Bay Path 38  
Drexel 67, Old Dominion 55  
Elms 60, Wheelock 32  
Holy Family 78, Chestnut Hill 34  
Maine 57, New Hampshire 49  
Marist 64, Fairfield 52  
Mass.-Boston 64, Suffolk 63  
Northeastern 68, Georgia St. 66, OT  
SUNY-Farmingdale 75, St. Joseph's, L.I. 70  
Sacred Heart 61, Robert Morris 60  
Sciences, Pa. 53, Philadelphia 49  
Utah Valley St. 70, N.J. Tech 58  
Va. Commonwealth 63, Towson 34

**SOUTH**

Auburn 81, Kentucky 69  
Bellarmine 60, Kentucky Wesleyan 43  
Belmont Abbey 89, Lees-McRae 71  
Benedict 62, Tuskegee 57  
Berry 69, Emmanuel 68  
Bethel, Tenn. 98, Mid-Continent 58  
Cumberlands 79, Georgetown, Ky. 61  
E. Illinois 64, Monthead St. 55  
Fayetteville St. 88, Shaw 83  
Florida Gulf Coast 88, Kennesaw St. 79  
Freed-Hardeman 71, Martin Methodist 55  
Jacksonville 73, Campbell 51  
Jacksonville St. 64, Tenn.-Martin 58  
James Madison 62, Hofstra 50  
Kentucky St. 65, LeMoyne-Owen 50  
Lambuth 64, Trevecca Nazarene 56  
Maryland 94, Virginia 78  
Mercer 71, Stetson 67  
Miami 59, Virginia Tech 56  
Miles 69, Lane 65  
Mississippi St. 66, Mississippi 50  
Murray St. 91, Tennessee Tech 84  
N.C. State 59, Wake Forest 51  
Ouachita 66, Christian Brothers 49  
SE Missouri 66, E. Kentucky 56  
SMU 71, Memphis 57  
Tennessee 80, Alabama 61  
UAB 72, Tulsa 63  
UNC Wilmington 69, George Mason 40  
Union, Tenn. 96, Cumberland, Tenn. 45  
Vanderbilt 84, Florida 68  
Voorhees 104, Fisk 31

**MIDWEST**

Ashland 101, Saginaw Valley St. 61  
Avila 85, Baker 57  
Bowling Green 70, Toledo 53  
Butler 68, Ill.-Chicago 49  
Crestighton 68, Evansville 57  
Detroit 59, Wis.-Milwaukee 50  
Drake 57, S. Illinois 46  
Ferris St. 67, Michigan Tech 62  
Friends 73, St. Mary, Kan. 64  
Graceland, Iowa 60, Mid-Am Nazarene 58  
Grand Valley St. 62, N. Michigan 59  
Hillsdale 86, Wayne, Mich. 56  
Illinois 60, Northwestern 46  
Illinois St. 70, Missouri St. 59  
Indiana St. 71, Wichita St. 50  
Iowa 85, Ohio St. 75  
Kansas Wesleyan 72, Bethany, Kan. 59  
Michigan St. 71, Indiana 65, OT  
Ottawa, Kan. 73, McPherson 66  
Purdue 55, Minnesota 40  
Sterling 79, Southwestern, Kan. 60  
Tiffin 77, Lake Superior St. 65  
Valparaiso 85, Loyola of Chicago 60  
Wis.-Green Bay 62, Wright St. 51  
Wisconsin 58, St. 52

**SOUTHWEST**

Arkansas 58, South Carolina 54  
Harding 79, S. Arkansas 61  
Houston 60, Tulane 53  
Mary Hardin-Baylor 75, Texas Lutheran 72  
Schreiner 52, Concordia-Austin 49  
St. Edward's 75, Texas, Texas-Permian Basin 54  
Texas-Dallas 90, Texas-Tyler 83  
UTEP 69, Rice 57

**FAR WEST**

Arizona St. 72, Southern Cal 69  
Cal St.-Fullerton 62, Pacific 51  
E. Washington 69, Weber St. 56  
Gonzaga 84, Saint Mary's, Calif. 56  
Loyola Marymount 65, San Diego 59  
Montana 75, Sacramento St. 48  
N. Arizona 79, Montana St. 60  
Oregon St. 77, Washington 63  
Pepperdine 59, Santa Clara 49  
Portland 79, San Francisco 41  
Portland St. 71, Idaho St. 61  
St. Martin's 66, Montana St.-Billings 63  
UC Davis 56, UC Irvine 24  
UCLA 58, Arizona 39  
Washington St. 58, Oregon 45

**EXHIBITION**

St. Catharine 83, WVU Tech 32

Tennis

**ABN Amro**

**Thursday**

**At Ahoy' Stadium**

**Rotterdam, Netherlands**

**Purse: \$1.87 million (WT500)**

**Surface: Hard-Indoor**

**Singles**

**Second Round**

Mario Ancic, Croatia, def. Gilles Simon (4), France, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.  
Marc Gicquel, France, def. Paul-Henri Mathieu, France, 6-4, 6-3.  
Gael Monfils (5), France, def. Michael Llodra, France, 6-4, 6-4.  
Andy Murray (2), Britain, def. Andreas Seppi, Italy, 7-6 (4), 7-5.  
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, 7-5, 3-6, 6-2.  
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (7), France, def. Dmitry Tursunov, Russia, 7-6 (6), 6-2.

**Gaz de France**

**Friday**

**At Stade Pierre de Coubertin**

**Paris**

**Purse: \$700,000 (Premier)**

**Surface: Hard-Indoor**

**Singles**

**Quarterfinals**

Jelena Jankovic (2), Serbia, def. Alize Cornet (5), France, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.  
Elena Dementieva (3), Russia, def. Nathalie Dechy, France, 6-3, 6-2.  
Serena Williams (4), United States, def. Emilie Loit, France, 6-2, 6-1.  
Amelie Mauresmo (8), France, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (4), Poland, 6-2, 6-0.

**Thursday**

Alize Cornet (5), France, def. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.  
Jelena Jankovic (2), Serbia, def. Li Na, China, 6-0, 3-6, 6-2.  
Serena Williams (1), United States, def. Karolina Sprem, Croatia, 6-1, 6-2.  
Amelie Mauresmo (8), France, def. Monica Niculescu, Romania, 6-1, 6-2.  
Elena Dementieva (3), Russia, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, 6-4, 6-2.  
Nathalie Dechy, France, def. Patty Schnyder (6), Switzerland, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

**Brazil Open**

**Thursday**

**At The Costa do Saupe Tennis Center**

**Costa do Saupe, Brazil**

**Purse: \$562,500 (WT250)**

**Surface: Clay-Outdoor**

**Singles**

**Quarterfinals**

Jose Acasuso (4), Argentina, def. Eduardo Schwank (6), Argentina, 6-4, 6-3.  
Tommy Robredo (2), Spain, def. Alberto Martin, Spain, 6-2, 6-2.  
Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, def. Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, 7-6 (5), 1-6, 6-3.  
Fredrico Gil, Portugal, def. Nicolas Pietrangeli, Portugal, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

**SAP Open**

**Thursday**

**At HP Pavilion**

**San Jose, Calif.**

**Purse: \$600,000 (WT250)**

**Surface: Hard-Indoor**

**Singles**

**Second Round**

Todd Widom, United States, def. Taylor Dent, United States, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-2.  
Mardy Fish (5), United States, def. John Isner, United States, 6-2, 6-7 (4), 7-5.  
Sam Querrey (6), United States, def. Denis Gremelmayr, Germany, 6-3, 6-2.  
James Blake (3), United States, def. Florent Serra, France, 6-4, 6-3.  
Juan Martin del Potro (2), Argentina, def. Kei Nishikori, Japan, 6-2, 6-2.  
Andy Roddick (1), United States, def. Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, 6-3, 7-6 (3).

**Pattaya Open**

**Friday**

**At Dusit Resort**

**Pattaya, Thailand**

**Purse: \$220,000 (Intl.)**

**Surface: Hard-Outdoor**

**Singles**

**Quarterfinals**

Vera Zvonareva (1), Russia, def. Peng Shuai, China, 6-2, 6-3.  
Shahar Peer (7), Israel, def. Vera Dushkevina, Russia, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.  
Magdalena Rybarikova (8), Slovakia, def. Caroline Wozniacki (2), Denmark, 6-4, 6-1.  
Sania Mirza, India, def. Tamarine Tanasugarn (6), Thailand, 7-5, 6-4.

Deals

**Thursday's transactions**

**BASEBALL**

**American League**

**LOS ANGELES ANGELS**—Agreed to terms with OF Bobby Abreu on a one-year contract.

**MINNESOTA TWINS**—Agreed to terms with OF Delmon Young on a one-year contract.

**TAMPA BAY RAYS**—Agreed to terms with LHP Brian Shouse on a one-year contract. Designated RHP Juan Salas for assignment.

**National League**

**COLORADO ROCKIES**—Agreed to terms with LHP Randy Flores on a minor league contract.

**HOUSTON ASTROS**—Agreed to terms with RHP Chris Sampson, INF Drew Sutton and C J.R. Towles on one-year contracts.

**MILWAUKEE BREWERS**—Agreed to terms with RHP Braden Loper on a one-year contract. Claimed RHP Nick Green off waivers from the L.A. Angels. Designated C Vinny Rottino and RHP Luis Pena for assignment.

**ST. LOUIS CARDINALS**—Agreed to terms with OF Rick Ankiel on a one-year contract.

**WASHINGTON NATIONALS**—Agreed to terms with 1B Adam Dunn on a two-year contract.

**FOOTBALL**

**National Football League**

**ATLANTA FALCONS** — Signed OT Will Svitek.

**CINCINNATI BENGALS**—Signed FB-TE Dan Coats.

**DENVER BRONCOS**—Signed G Matt McChesney. Released DT Josh Shaw.

**DETROIT LIONS**—Named James Harris senior personnel executive.

**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS**—Named Shane Waldron tight ends coach, Jon Robinson director of college scouting and Monti Ossenfort national scout.

**HOCKEY**

**National Hockey League**

**NHL**—Suspended Montreal F Tomas Plekanec two games, without pay, for an incident in a game against Edmonton on Feb. 11.

**ATLANTA THRASHERS**—Recalled LW Jordan LaVallee from Chicago (AHL). Assigned RW Joe Mutozko to Chicago.

**BOSTON BRUINS**—Recalled F Martins Karsums and Vladimir Sobotka from Providence (AHL).

**CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS**—Recalled G Antti Niemi from Rockford (AHL).

**COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS**—Placed D Rostislav Klesla on injured reserve. Activated F Jiri Novotny from injured reserve.

**PHOENIX COYOTES**—Recalled D David Schlemko from San Antonio (AHL). Assigned C Kyle Turris to San Antonio.

**SOCCER**

**Major League Soccer**

**SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC**—Traded F Khano Smith to New York for allocation money.

**COLLEGE**

**ARKANSAS**—Suspended men's basketball freshman G Courtney Fortson indefinitely.

**IOWA**—Agreed to terms with Kirk Ferentz, football coach, on a seven-year contract.

**KANSAS**—Named Ed Warinner associate head football coach and Brandon Blaney assistant offensive line coach.

**LSU**—Named Don Yowansky tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator.

**MARSHALL**—Named Jeff Burrow secondary coach.

**NOTRE DAME**—Named Elisa Angeles assistant director of strength and conditioning for women's soccer and men's and women's swimming.

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Suspended men's basketball senior C James Morgan, senior G Manny Quezada, junior C Hyman Taylor and freshman G Chioke Walker indefinitely for not following orders during a practice.

College hockey

**Thursday's scores**

**EAST**

Curry 9, Worcester St. 2  
Stonehill 4, Westfield St. 2  
S. New Hampshire 6, Franklin Pierce 3  
Wentworth Tech 4, Mass.-Dartmouth 1  
W. New England 2, Johnson & Wales, R.I. 2, tie

College baseball

**Thursday's scores**

**SOUTH**

Barton 10, Francis Marion 7  
Christopher Newport 11, Hampden-Sydney 4  
Eckerd 5, St. Leo 2  
Ferrum 9, Roanoke 8  
Lynn 8, Nova Southwestern 5  
Ga. Southeastern 21, St. Thomas, Fla. 3  
Union, Tenn. 15, Christian Brothers 5

**SOUTHWEST**

Ablene Christian 8, SW Oklahoma 1  
McMurray 9, Methodist 4

**FAR WEST**

Biola 5, CS Dominguez Hills 3  
George Fox 7, Hawaii-Hilo 6  
Hendrix 17, Harding 9  
La Verne 7, Chapman 6  
Mesa St. 7, CSU-Chico 4



## SCOREBOARD, FROM PAGE 38

## Auto racing

## Daytona 500 lineup

**Sprint Cup Race Sunday**  
**At Daytona International Speedway**  
**Daytona Beach, Fla.**  
**Lap length: 2.5 miles**  
**(Car number in parentheses)**

- (1) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 188.001.
- (5) Mark Martin, Chevrolet, 187.817.
- (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 187.402.
- (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 186.896.
- (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 187.336.
- (83) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 185.858.
- (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 187.727.
- (42) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 187.743.
- (20) Joey Logano, Toyota, 186.753.
- (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 186.451.
- (8) Aric Almirola, Chevrolet, 187.649.
- (96) Bobby Labonte, Ford, 187.211.
- (2) Kurt Busch, Dodge, 185.38.
- (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 187.079.
- (9) Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 185.517.
- (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 186.389.
- (36) Scott Riggs, Toyota, 185.893.
- (41) Jeremy Mayfield, Toyota, 185.082.
- (98) Paul Menard, Ford, 187.044.
- (44) AJ Allmendinger, Dodge, 185.77.
- (26) Jamie McMurray, Ford, 186.509.
- (33) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 186.726.
- (47) Marcos Ambrose, Toyota, 186.012.
- (12) David Stremme, Dodge, 185.391.
- (07) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 185.426.
- (31) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 185.958.
- (55) Michael Waltrip, Toyota, 185.805.
- (00) David Reutimann, Toyota, 186.827.
- (77) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, 185.079.
- (19) Elliott Sadler, Dodge, 186.066.
- (7) Robby Gordon, Toyota, 185.51.
- (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 183.602.
- (6) David Ragan, Ford, 186.374.
- (43) Reed Sorenson, Dodge, 186.07.
- (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 186.889.
- (39) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 187.778.
- (34) John Andretti, Chevrolet, 185.59.
- (82) Scott Speed, Toyota, 186.842.
- (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 186.614.
- (21) Bill Elliott, Ford, 187.739.
- (28) Travis Kvapil, Ford, 187.574.
- (78) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 186.924.
- (66) Terry Labonte, Toyota, Past Champion.

## Failed to Qualify

- (187) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 186.807.
- (08) Boris Said, Ford, 186.78.
- (09) Brad Keselowski, Chevrolet, 185.571.
- (127) Kirk Sheldermine, Toyota, 184.854.
- (171) Mike Wallace, Chevrolet, 184.847.
- (37) Tony Raines, Dodge, 184.106.
- (73) Mike Garvey, Dodge, 184.004.
- (175) Derrick Cope, Dodge, 182.02.
- (123) Mike Skinner, Chevrolet, 181.928.
- (51) Kelly Bires, Dodge, 181.701.
- (146) Carl Long, Dodge, 181.032.
- (64) Geoff Bodine, Toyota, 180.81.
- (157) Norm Benning, Chevrolet, 177.396.

## Gatorade Duel 1

**Sprint Cup Thursday**  
**At Daytona International Speedway**  
**Daytona Beach, Fla.**  
**Lap length: 2.5 miles**  
**(Start position in parentheses)**

- (5) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 60 laps, 133.8 rating, \$53,188.
- (6) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 60, 115.2, \$38,188.
- (3) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 60, 112, \$33,188.
- (10) Joey Logano, Toyota, 60, 70, \$28,188.
- (4) Aric Almirola, Chevrolet, 60, 77.5, \$26,188.
- (22) Kurt Busch, Dodge, 60, 82.4, \$23,788.
- (19) Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 60, 82.4, \$22,688.
- (15) Scott Riggs, Toyota, 60, 96.9, \$21,663.
- (7) Paul Menard, Ford, 60, 80.5, \$21,663.
- (12) Jamie McMurray, Ford, 60, 90.1, \$21,638.
- (9) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 60, 64.9, \$21,613.
- (18) Brad Keselowski, Chevrolet, 60, 57.5, \$21,588.
- (14) Marcos Ambrose, Toyota, 60, 50.6, \$21,563.
- (21) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 60, 64.5, \$21,538.
- (16) Michael Waltrip, Toyota, 60, 64.1, \$21,513.
- (23) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, 60, 59.4, \$21,488.
- (28) Carl Long, Dodge, 60, 32.2, \$21,463.
- (25) Tony Raines, Dodge, 60, 38.6, \$21,413.
- (26) Terry Labonte, Toyota, 60, 38.6, \$21,388.
- (20) (24) Kirk Sheldermine, Toyota, 60, 33.3, \$21,363.
- (1) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 60,

- \$21,313.
- (20) Robby Gordon, Toyota, 59, 45, \$21,288.
- (13) David Ragan, Ford, 59, 75.7, \$21,238.
- (8) Greg Biffle, Ford, accident, 57, 54.9, \$21,137.
- (17) John Andretti, Chevrolet, accident, 53, 45.6, \$21,188.
- (11) Matt Kenseth, Ford, accident, 52, 71.8, \$21,163.
- (2) Bill Elliott, Ford, transmission, 25, 68.8, \$21,138.
- (27) Mike Skinner, Chevrolet, fuel pressure, 23, 36.1, \$21,113.

## Race Statistics

**Average Speed of Race Winner:** 139.463 mph.  
**Time of Race:** 1 hour, 4 minutes, 32 seconds.

**Margin of Victory:** 0.205 seconds.  
**Caution Flags:** Four for 12 laps.  
**Lead Changes:** Nine among six drivers.

**Lap Leaders:** M.Truex Jr. 1; B.Elliott 2; M.Truex Jr. 3-7; J.Johnson 8-11; M.Truex Jr. 12-37; J.Gordon 38-49; J.McMurray 50-55; J.Gordon 56; T.Stewart 57-58; J.Gordon 59-60.

**Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led):** M.Truex Jr., 3 times for 32 laps; J.Gordon, 3 times for 15 laps; J.McMurray, 1 time for 6 laps; J.Johnson, 1 time for 4 laps; T.Stewart, 1 time for 2 laps; B.Elliott, 1 time for 1 lap.

## NASCAR Driver Rating Formula

A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race. The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

## Gatorade Duel 2

**Sprint Cup Thursday**  
**At Daytona International Speedway**  
**Daytona Beach, Fla.**  
**Lap length: 2.5 miles**  
**(Start position in parentheses)**

- (8) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 60 laps, 120.9 rating, \$53,188.
- (1) Mark Martin, Chevrolet, 60, 136.4, \$38,188.
- (18) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 60, 105.9, \$33,188.
- (3) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 60, 88.7, \$22,188.
- (13) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 60, 109.3, \$26,188.
- (5) Bobby Labonte, Ford, 60, 95.8, \$23,788.
- (6) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 60, 104.9, \$22,688.
- (14) Carl Edwards, Ford, 60, 99.1, \$21,688.
- (21) Jeremy Mayfield, Toyota, 60, 64, \$21,653.
- (19) AJ Allmendinger, Dodge, 60, 68.6, \$21,638.
- (12) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 60, 58, \$21,613.
- (20) David Stremme, Dodge, 60, 54.6, \$21,588.
- (22) Mike Wallace, Chevrolet, 60, 56.3, \$21,563.
- (17) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 60, 72.2, \$21,538.
- (10) David Reutimann, Toyota, 60, 91.4, \$21,513.
- (7) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 60, 60.1, \$21,488.
- (16) Elliott Sadler, Dodge, 60, 65.1, \$21,463.
- (24) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 60, 74.1, \$21,413.
- (4) Travis Kvapil, Ford, 60, 61.5, \$21,388.
- (26) Kelly Bires, Dodge, 60, 42.7, \$21,363.
- (15) Reed Sorenson, Dodge, 60, 60.2, \$21,313.
- (25) Derrick Cope, Dodge, 59, 35.1, \$21,288.
- (28) Norm Benning, Chevrolet, 56, 26.9, \$21,238.
- (2) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, accident, 47, 69.4, \$21,213.
- (9) Scott Speed, Toyota, handling, 44, 33.7, \$21,188.
- (23) Mike Garvey, Dodge, rear end, 27, 30.7, \$21,163.
- (27) Geoff Bodine, Toyota, electrical, 22, 27, \$21,138.
- (11) Boris Said, Ford, accident, 13, 36.5, \$21,113.

## Race Statistics

**Average Speed of Race Winner:** 157.251 mph.  
**Time of Race:** 57 minutes, 14 seconds.  
**Margin of Victory:** 0.153 seconds.

**Caution Flags:** Two for seven laps.  
**Lead Changes:** Seven among four drivers.

**Lap Leaders:** D.Earnhardt Jr. 1-4; M.Martin 5; D.Earnhardt Jr. 6-16; M.Martin 17-45; D.Hamlin 46-49; M.Martin 50-55; K.Busch 56-60.

**Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led):** M.Martin, 3 times for 36 laps; D.Earnhardt Jr., 2 times for 15 laps; K.Busch, 1 time for 5 laps; D.Hamlin, 1 time for 4 laps.

## NASCAR Driver Rating Formula

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## Golf

## Pebble Beach National Pro-Am

**Thursday**  
**Pebble Beach, Calif.**  
**Purse: \$6.1 million**  
**Pebble Beach Golf Links, 6,816 yards; Par 72**  
**Poppy Hills, 6,953 yards; Par 72**  
**Spyglass Hill Golf Course, 6,944 yards; Par 72**  
**First Round**

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Robert Garrigus     | 32-33-65-7 |
| Dustin Johnson      | 32-33-65-7 |
| Rich Beem           | 31-35-66-6 |
| Vaughn Taylor       | 32-34-66-6 |
| Charlie Hoffman     | 33-33-66-6 |
| Bill Lunde          | 34-33-67-5 |
| Mike Weir           | 35-32-67-5 |
| Mark Calavecchia    | 34-33-67-5 |
| Jason Day           | 32-35-67-5 |
| Steve Elkington     | 34-33-67-5 |
| Michael Allen       | 34-33-67-5 |
| D.J. Trahan         | 36-31-67-5 |
| Jeff Quinney        | 32-36-68-4 |
| Dean Wilson         | 33-35-68-4 |
| Matt Bettencourt    | 36-32-68-4 |
| Mark Brooks         | 33-35-68-4 |
| Greg Owen           | 33-35-68-4 |
| Charlie Wi          | 35-33-68-4 |
| Tom Scherrer        | 34-34-68-4 |
| Aron Price          | 35-33-68-4 |
| Bob Estes           | 35-33-68-4 |
| Fredrik Jacobson    | 34-34-68-4 |
| Ted Purdy           | 32-36-68-4 |
| Arlin Atwal         | 32-36-68-4 |
| Paul Goydos         | 34-34-68-4 |
| Brian Vranesh       | 36-32-68-4 |
| Retief Goosen       | 37-31-68-4 |
| Kevin Chappell      | 33-35-68-4 |
| Jonathan Kaye       | 35-34-69-3 |
| John Ellis          | 34-35-69-3 |
| Len Mattiace        | 35-34-69-3 |
| K.J. Choi           | 33-36-69-3 |
| Jeff Overton        | 34-35-69-3 |
| Davis Love III      | 33-36-69-3 |
| Chris Stroud        | 36-33-69-3 |
| Shigeaki Maruyama   | 35-34-69-3 |
| Zack Miller         | 33-36-69-3 |
| Jeff Maggert        | 35-34-69-3 |
| Ricky Barnes        | 36-33-69-3 |
| Brendon de Jonge    | 33-36-69-3 |
| Michael Letzig      | 32-37-69-3 |
| Y.E. Yang           | 33-36-69-3 |
| Matthew Goggin      | 34-36-70-2 |
| Steve Lowery        | 35-35-70-2 |
| Rick Price          | 37-33-70-2 |
| Kevin Streelman     | 35-35-70-2 |
| Bo Van Beil         | 35-35-70-2 |
| Mark Wilson         | 35-35-70-2 |
| Chris DiMarco       | 34-36-70-2 |
| Jay Williamson      | 35-35-70-2 |
| Tyler Aldridge      | 33-37-70-2 |
| Matt Weirburg       | 34-36-70-2 |
| John Huston         | 35-35-70-2 |
| Will MacKenzie      | 36-34-70-2 |
| Chris Smith         | 36-34-70-2 |
| Joel Sijoholm       | 35-35-70-2 |
| Bob Heintz          | 34-37-71-1 |
| Dudley Hart         | 34-37-71-1 |
| Lee Janzen          | 37-34-71-1 |
| Richard S. Johnson  | 37-34-71-1 |
| Tim Clark           | 34-37-71-1 |
| Spencer Levin       | 35-36-71-1 |
| Jimmy Walker        | 35-36-71-1 |
| Omar Uresti         | 36-35-71-1 |
| Lee Janzen          | 37-34-71-1 |
| Peter Tomasulo      | 36-35-71-1 |
| Matt Jones          | 37-34-71-1 |
| Tom Lehman          | 36-35-71-1 |
| Kirk Triplett       | 38-33-71-1 |
| Brian Bateman       | 34-37-71-1 |
| Tom Hamilton        | 35-36-71-1 |
| Jim Furyk           | 35-36-71-1 |
| Matt Kuchar         | 34-37-71-1 |
| Kevin Stadler       | 37-34-71-1 |
| Kenny Perry         | 37-34-71-1 |
| Gary Woodland       | 37-34-71-1 |
| Greg Chalmers       | 35-36-71-1 |
| Tommy Gainey        | 36-35-71-1 |
| David Mathis        | 37-34-71-1 |
| Derek Fathauer      | 35-36-71-1 |
| J.J. Henry          | 37-34-71-1 |
| Sean O'Hair         | 35-36-71-1 |
| Jonah Kuylenstierna | 37-34-71-1 |
| Brandt Snedeker     | 34-37-71-1 |
| Joe Ogilvie         | 36-35-71-1 |
| Brad Adamonis       | 34-37-71-1 |
| Kevin Na            | 34-37-71-1 |
| Webb Simpson        | 35-36-71-1 |
| Ken Duke            | 37-34-71-1 |

## SBS Open at Turtle Bay

**Thursday**  
**At Turtle Bay Resort, Palmer Course**  
**Kahuku, Hawaii**  
**Purse: \$1.2 million**  
**Yardage: 6,560; Par: 72 (36-36)**  
**First Round**

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Angela Stanford | 33-32-65-7 |
| Yani Tseng      | 33-33-66-6 |
| Wendie Kiehl    | 33-33-66-6 |
| Kyeong Bae      | 33-34-67-5 |
| Momoko Ueda     | 34-34-68-4 |
| Taylor Leon     | 36-33-69-3 |
| In-Kyung Kim    | 34-35-69-3 |
| Ben Kang        | 35-34-69-3 |
| Teressa Lu      | 34-34-69-3 |
| Julie Inkster   | 35-34-69-3 |
| Angela Park     | 37-32-69-3 |
| Kris Tamulis    | 35-35-70-2 |
| Mika Miyazato   | 36-34-70-2 |
| Paula Creamer   | 36-34-70-2 |
| Hee-Won Han     | 36-34-70-2 |
| Cristie Kerr    | 35-35-70-2 |
| Laura Diaz      | 32-38-70-2 |
| Lindsey Wright  | 35-35-70-2 |
| Vicky Hurst     | 35-35-70-2 |
| Jin Young Pak   | 36-34-70-2 |
| Audra Burks     | 36-34-70-2 |

## Women's Australian Open

**Friday**  
**At Metropolitan Golf Club**  
**Melbourne, Australia**  
**Purse: \$325,000**  
**Yardage: 6,560; Par: 73 (37-36)**  
**Second Round**

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Lee Chang-hee, South Korea  | 69-70-139 |
| Georgina Simpson, England   | 73-68-141 |
| Karrie Webb, Australia      | 66-75-141 |
| Tania Lesoguy, Spain        | 69-72-141 |
| Ellen Allien, United States | 71-69-142 |
| Maria Ore Skarphord, Norway | 72-71-142 |
| Emma Bennett, Australia     | 72-71-143 |
| Kim Hye-youn, South Korea   | 70-73-143 |
| A-Justine Lee, Australia    | 73-70-143 |
| Joanne Mills, Australia     | 74-69-143 |
| a-Rebecca Flood, Australia  | 71-72-143 |



TERRY RENNA/AP

**AJ Allmendinger, center, signs autographs for fans after qualifying for the Daytona 500 by finishing 10th in the second of two NASCAR Gatorade 150 qualifying auto races at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., on Thursday.**

# Allmendinger races way into Daytona 500

## Red Bull castoff puts Petty car in field; Jeff Gordon, Kyle Busch win qualifiers

BY WILL GRAVES

The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — AJ Allmendinger thought he'd learned plenty about pressure during his sometimes bumpy first two years racing in the Sprint Cup series.

Then seven-time NASCAR champion Richard Petty put his hands around Allmendinger's neck.

Before getting into his Richard Petty Motorsports Dodge and attempting to race his way into the Daytona 500, Allmendinger received a message from the King. Get it done.

"It kind of puts a little incentive to make it happen," Allmendinger said. "It ultimately came down to that I felt like I deserved to be in this race."

He drove like it Thursday, securing a spot in NASCAR's biggest race by finishing 10th during the second 150-mile qualifier.

Allmendinger quickly flipped on his sunglasses after emerging from his car so nobody would see him cry. Blame it on pent-up emotions two years in the making. He narrowly missed qualifying in 2007 and 2008 before getting let go by Red Bull Racing toward the end of last season.

He agreed to a short-term gig with Petty Motorsports in the offseason.

"We had a little chip on our shoulders," Allmendinger said.

They weren't the only ones. Castoffs Jeremy Mayfield and Scott Riggs also locked up spots in the Daytona 500, sweet redemption for drivers who came to the track last week with few resources and little time to get their acts together.

Mayfield put his team together less than a month ago after convincing All-Sport to come on as a sponsor for his No. 41 Toyota. He ran strong during the entire session, working his way up to third before finishing one spot ahead of Allmendinger. Not bad for a guy

whose career the past two years has been in a tailspin after parting ways with Evernham Motorsports in 2006.

"To know where we were at then, how much hard work has been done in such a short amount of time is just unbelievable," Mayfield said. "To come here and do this, it's like winning 10 races, I'll tell you that."

Mayfield will have to settle for the chance to win just one thanks to the new business model brought on by the economic troubles that have shaken the sport. He brought about 20 crew members to Daytona in an effort to get back to basics and reign in expenses.

Riggs took a job with startup Tommy Baldwin Racing in early January because both his and Baldwin's options were limited. They zipped into the Daytona 500 with an eighth-place finish in the first 150-mile qualifier.

"I don't think anyone has any high expectations of us," Riggs said. "We want to under-promise and over-deliver."

So does Allmendinger, who was unceremoniously dumped by Red Bull with eight races left in the 2008 season. He landed on his feet by taking a temporary job with Gillett Evernham Motorsports to end the year, finishing inside the top 16 four times in five starts.

Allmendinger wasn't the only driver who ended a run of tough luck. Jeff Gordon picked up his first victory — albeit an unofficial one — in more than a season by taking the first qualifier.

"Because of the pressure that we felt from being winless last year, you know, it's important for us to gain some momentum and confidence that we're doing the right things," he said.

The three-time Daytona 500 winner will start in the second row next to Kyle Busch, who rolled to victory in the second qualifier, the first step toward wiping away the sour taste left by fading from first to 10th in last fall's Chase for the championship.



## NHL roundup

# Vokoun blanks Hurricanes with 42 saves

The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Tomas Vokoun insists it's still too early for the Florida Panthers to get caught up in the playoff chase. If he keeps playing like this, that might not be the case for much longer.

Vokoun made 42 saves for his fourth shutout of the season, and the Panthers had no trouble with one of the teams pursuing them in the race to make the Eastern Conference playoffs, routing the Carolina Hurricanes 5-0 on Thursday night.

"You shouldn't be doing (scoreboard watching) too much," Vokoun said. "It's really tight, and things can change in two days, and you're looking from the outside."

Anthony Stewart and Gregory Campbell scored 12 seconds apart in the second period. Nathan Horton had a goal and an assist, and Michael Frolik and Richard Zednik also scored. The Panthers scored all five goals in the first 33½ minutes.

"I much prefer these than the dramatic ones," Florida coach Peter DeBoer said. "I thought our goaltender was our best player tonight."

Florida, 6-2 since the All-Star break,



KARL B. DEBLAKER/AP

**The Carolina Hurricanes' Eric Staal, right, has his shot blocked by Florida Panthers goalie Tomas Vokoun on Thursday night.**

is tied for eighth place in the East with Buffalo.

Vokoun finished with the 29th shutout of his decade-long career and the first since Dec. 23 against Nashville. He is the first goalie to shut out Carolina this season.

Carolina goalie Cam Ward stopped just nine of the 13 shots he faced before he was

pulled midway through the second for Michael Leighton, who made nine saves and allowed Florida's fifth goal.

Neither goalie had any answers for a Florida offense that entered averaging 3.63 goals in the new year and was coming off a 5-4 overtime victory over Toronto in which it erased a three-goal deficit in the third period.

That quick-strike offense helped the Panthers put this one away with the second-period flurry led by role players Stewart and Campbell.

"We still thought we were fine after the first period," Carolina forward Ray Whitney said. "Those two quick ones in the second obviously killed us. From then, confidence kind of slips a little bit and it just snowballs."

**Red Wings 4, Wild 2:** Jiri Hudler and Kris Draper scored in a 50-second span of the second period, and Chris Osgood made 21 saves in host Detroit's sixth straight victory.

**Flames 2, Kings 0:** Miikka Kiprusoff made 36 saves for his 30th NHL shutout, and Michael Cammalleri scored his team-

leading 29th goal on a first-period power play for visiting Calgary.

**Predators 4, Blues 3 (SO):** Jason Arnott tied it for host Nashville with 3 seconds left in regulation, and Steve Sullivan scored the only goal in the shootout.

Sullivan beat Chris Mason with a wrist shot.

**Senators 5, Flyers 2:** At Philadelphia, Dany Heatley scored two goals, and Brian Elliott made 34 saves to help Ottawa win its third straight game, the Senators' longest run of the season.

**Lightning 6, Maple Leafs 4:** At Tampa, Fla., Steven Stamkos and Vincent Lecavalier scored third-period goals for the Lightning, and Ryan Malone scored twice in a 54-second span in the first.

Mark Recchi and Martin St. Louis also scored in the opening period to help Tampa Bay take a 4-1 lead.

**Canucks 4, Coyotes 3:** At Glendale, Ariz., Henrik Sedin capped a three-goal comeback with a power-play goal midway through the third period in Vancouver's fourth straight victory.

## Gains: Ovechkin key in Capitals' resurgence

GAINS, FROM BACK PAGE

people paying attention to hockey and talking to us. It's phenomenal, to be honest with you."

Good players, good marketing and fortunate timing have all worked in the Capitals' favor. The strategy to rebuild with young players through the draft paid off with a playoff berth last year after several last-place seasons, and this year the team is even better. The centerpiece of the plan — Ovechkin — is sociable and fan-friendly, playing role of superstar with just enough goofiness to make him look human.

The Capitals are also enjoying their second full season practicing in a state-of-the-art facility atop the garage in nearby Arlington, having moved from their old home in the outer suburbs.

The more convenient location has given the team greater exposure. Practices are easier for fans to watch — it's not uncommon to see 100 or more people at a weekday morning session and perhaps 1,000 on a weekend — and for the media to cover. Players also have a shorter commute, giving them more rest time on game days.

It also helps that the Capitals are the only team in town that's really good. The Wizards are by far the worst team in the NBA's Eastern Conference this season. The Nationals lost more than 100 games and had baseball's worst record last season. The Redskins went 8-8 and missed the playoffs, while college basketball pillars Georgetown and Maryland look like NIT candidates.

The Capitals score plenty of goals — that always helps attract the hockey novices — and they simply look better on the ice after the decision last season to switch back to their old traditional uni-

forms with red as the dominant color. Leonis also used his marketing savvy, honed from years as an AOL executive, to make the arena experience more lively, with fun promotions and videos.

It's a long way from the embarrassing days of 1998, when the Capitals played in front of thousands of empty seats during the playoffs on the way to the franchise's only appearance in the Stanley Cup finals.

"It's a fascinating thing to experience," said general manager George McPhee, who has been with the team for 12 years. "It seemed like a lot of things came together all at once."

"We got back to our original colors, which was important, and we have this fabulous facility where people can watch our players, and we have some really entertaining players, their style of play is fun to watch. And the team is winning. And I think one of the other things that's important is we're a much better organization business-wise, we have far better infrastructure to be able to market the team and capture momentum."

Leonis sees the difference in the comments he gets from fans. He shared one recent e-mail that reads: "I am a current Nationals season-ticket holder and your product far surpasses anything I have seen from the new (baseball) stadium."

The owner has a goal of starting next season with 14,000 season-ticket holders, up from 10,000 or so at the start of this season.

"Everything's worked," Leonis said. "Now we have to win a championship. We only have this one major hurdle in front of us now, and we can have a singularity in our purpose — which is nothing else matters now but success as a Stanley Cup team."

### NHL scoreboard

#### Eastern Conference

| Atlantic Division  |    |    |    |     |     |
|--------------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|
|                    | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF  |
| New Jersey         | 35 | 17 | 3  | 73  | 172 |
| Philadelphia       | 28 | 16 | 9  | 65  | 169 |
| N.Y. Rangers       | 30 | 20 | 5  | 65  | 140 |
| Pittsburgh         | 27 | 24 | 5  | 59  | 169 |
| N.Y. Islanders     | 16 | 32 | 6  | 38  | 133 |
| Northeast Division |    |    |    |     |     |
|                    | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF  |
| Boston             | 39 | 9  | 7  | 85  | 190 |
| Montreal           | 29 | 20 | 6  | 64  | 166 |
| Buffalo            | 28 | 21 | 6  | 62  | 162 |
| Toronto            | 20 | 25 | 10 | 50  | 165 |
| Ottawa             | 20 | 25 | 8  | 48  | 130 |
| Southeast Division |    |    |    |     |     |
|                    | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF  |
| Washington         | 27 | 19 | 8  | 62  | 156 |
| Florida            | 27 | 23 | 5  | 59  | 142 |
| Carolina           | 19 | 25 | 11 | 49  | 141 |
| Tampa Bay          | 19 | 32 | 5  | 43  | 157 |

#### Western Conference

| Central Division   |    |    |    |     |     |
|--------------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|
|                    | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF  |
| Detroit            | 37 | 11 | 7  | 81  | 208 |
| Chicago            | 30 | 14 | 8  | 68  | 175 |
| Columbus           | 26 | 23 | 5  | 57  | 145 |
| Nashville          | 26 | 26 | 5  | 55  | 135 |
| St. Louis          | 22 | 25 | 7  | 51  | 157 |
| Northwest Division |    |    |    |     |     |
|                    | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF  |
| Calgary            | 32 | 18 | 5  | 69  | 171 |
| Vancouver          | 26 | 20 | 8  | 60  | 164 |
| Minnesota          | 28 | 23 | 3  | 59  | 139 |
| Edmonton           | 27 | 23 | 4  | 58  | 153 |
| Colorado           | 25 | 29 | 1  | 51  | 148 |
| Pacific Division   |    |    |    |     |     |
|                    | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF  |
| San Jose           | 37 | 7  | 8  | 82  | 178 |
| Anaheim            | 28 | 24 | 5  | 61  | 159 |
| Dallas             | 26 | 20 | 7  | 59  | 162 |
| Los Angeles        | 24 | 22 | 7  | 55  | 138 |
| Phoenix            | 25 | 26 | 5  | 55  | 140 |

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

**Wednesday's games**  
 Chicago 3, Atlanta 1  
 New Jersey 4, N.Y. Islanders 2  
 N.Y. Rangers 5, Washington 4, SO  
 Ottawa 3, Buffalo 1  
 Pittsburgh 2, San Jose 1, SO  
 Minnesota 3, Colorado 2  
 Phoenix 1, Dallas 0  
 Anaheim 3, Calgary 2, OT  
 Edmonton 7, Montreal 2

**Thursday's games**  
 Florida 5, Carolina 0  
 Ottawa 5, Philadelphia 2  
 Detroit 4, Minnesota 2  
 Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 4  
 Nashville 4, St. Louis 3, SO  
 Vancouver 4, Phoenix 0  
 Calgary 2, Los Angeles 0

**Friday's games**  
 Boston at New Jersey  
 Detroit at Columbus  
 San Jose at Buffalo  
 N.Y. Rangers at Florida  
 Chicago at St. Louis  
 Vancouver at Dallas  
 Montreal at Colorado

**Saturday's games**  
 N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia  
 Edmonton at Los Angeles  
 Columbus at Carolina  
 Pittsburgh at Toronto  
 Washington at Tampa Bay  
 Boston at Nashville  
 Ottawa at Minnesota  
 Dallas at Chicago

**Sunday's games**  
 Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers  
 San Jose at New Jersey  
 Colorado at Detroit  
 Washington at Florida  
 Carolina at Buffalo  
 Atlanta at Anaheim  
 Montreal at Vancouver

#### Thursday

##### Senators 5, Flyers 2

Ottawa 1 2 2-5  
 Philadelphia 0 0 2-2  
**First Period**—1, Ottawa, Heatley 23 (Alfredsson, Lee), 18:22.  
**Second Period**—2, Ottawa, Spezza 21 (Bell, Kuba), 8:40 (pp), 3, Ottawa, Foligno 9 (Shannon, Phillips), 19:46.  
**Third Period**—4, Philadelphia, Powe 3 (Upshall, Giroux), 8:00, 5, Ottawa, Heatley 24 (Spezza, Vermette), 10:15, 6, Philadelphia, Richards 19 (Knuble), 10:54, 7, Ottawa, Vermette 8, 15:20.  
**Shots on Goal**—Ottawa 10-8-5-23. Philadelphia 12-13-11-36.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Ottawa 1 of 2; Philadelphia 0 of 3.  
**Goalies**—Ottawa, Elliott 7-3-2 (36 shots-34 saves). Philadelphia, Niittymaki 13-5-4 (23-18).  
 A-19,679 (19,537). T-2:15.

##### Lightning 6, Maple Leafs 4

Toronto 1 2 1-4  
 Tampa Bay 4 0 2-6  
**First Period**—1, Toronto, Stempniak 9, 10:58, 2, Tampa Bay, Malone 17 (Krajicek, St. Louis), 12:30, 3, Tampa Bay, Malone 18 (St. Louis, Smaby), 13:24, 4, Tampa Bay, Recchi 12 (Lecavalier, St. Louis), 15:17 (pp), 5, Tampa Bay, St. Louis 20 (Recchi, McKenna), 16:43 (pp).  
**Second Period**—6, Toronto, Stempniak 10 (Kubina, Hagman), 11:32 (pp), 7, Toronto, Hagman 17 (Grabovski, Finger), 12:46.  
**Third Period**—8, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 7 (Prospal, Eminger), 6:01 (pp), 9, Tampa Bay, Lecavalier 25 (Melichar, Murphy), 13:28, 10, Toronto, Kulemin 9 (Mayers, Frogren), 17:47.  
**Shots on Goal**—Toronto 9-6-10-25. Tampa Bay 14-8-9-31.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Toronto 1 of 2; Tampa Bay 3 of 4.  
**Goalies**—Toronto, Toskala (12 shots-8 saves), Joseph 1-6-1 (16:43 first, 19-17). Tampa Bay, McKenna 2-1-1 (25-21).  
 A-16,526 (19,758). T-2:26.

##### Predators 4, Blues 3 (SO)

St. Louis 2 1 0-3  
 Nashville 1 0 2-0-4  
**Nashville won shootout 1-0**  
**First Period**—1, St. Louis, Backes 18 (Boyes, Winchester), 2:44, 2, St. Louis, Perron 7 (McClement), 14:47, 3, Nashville, Hamhuis 3 (Legwand, Jones), 19:20 (pp).  
**Second Period**—4, St. Louis, Winchester 9 (Boyes, Backes), 11:44.  
**Third Period**—5, Nashville, Klein 4 (Suter, Weber), 7:55, 6, Nashville, Arnott 21 (Legwand, Sullivan), 19:57.  
**Shootout**—St. Louis 0 (Boyes NG, McDonald NG, Oshie NG), Nashville 1 (Legwand NG, Sullivan G).  
**Shots on Goal**—St. Louis 7-13-7-0-27. Nashville 14-5-13-2-34.  
**Power-play opportunities**—St. Louis 0 of 4; Nashville 1 of 5.  
**Goalies**—St. Louis, Mason 8-15-4 (34 shots-31 saves). Nashville, Rinne 15-9-0 (27-24).  
 A-14,307 (17,113). T-2:42.

#### Canucks 4, Coyotes 3

Vancouver 0 1 3-4  
 Phoenix 2 1 0-3  
**First Period**—1, Phoenix, Lissin 10, 2:20, 2, Phoenix, Reinprecht 10 (Carrillo, Perault), 15:00 (pp).  
**Second Period**—3, Vancouver, Ohlund 4 (Bieksa, D.Sedin), 17:51, 4, Phoenix, Morris 5 (Jokinen, Jovanovski), 19:27.  
**Third Period**—5, Vancouver, Demitra 15 (O'Brien, Salo), 2:16, 6, Vancouver, Edler 6 (Bieksa, Wellwood), 8:22, 7, Vancouver, H.Sedin 10 (D.Sedin, Salo), 10:47 (pp).  
**Shots on Goal**—Vancouver 7-9-16-32. Phoenix 5-8-15-28.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Vancouver 1 of 5; Phoenix 1 of 3.  
**Goalies**—Vancouver, Luongo 15-7-5 (28 shots-25 saves). Phoenix, Bryzgalov 19-22-4 (32-28).  
 A-14,872 (17,125). T-2:36.

#### Panthers 5, Hurricanes 0

Florida 2 3 0-5  
 Carolina 0 0 0-0  
**First Period**—1, Florida, Horton 15 (Ballard, Booth), 7:31, 2, Florida, Zednik 11 (Horton), 12:49.  
**Second Period**—3, Florida, Stewart 2 (Kreps), 9:18, 4, Florida, Campbell 12 (Dvorak, Bouwmeester), 9:30, 5, Florida, Frolik 12 (Kreps, Stillman), 13:33.  
**Shots on Goal**—Florida 8-9-6-23. Carolina 15-14-13-42.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Florida 0 of 5; Carolina 0 of 5.  
**Goalies**—Florida, Vokoun 17-15-3 (42 shots-42 saves). Carolina, Ward 21-17-3 (13-9), Leighton (9:30 second, 10-9).  
 A-18,680 (18,680). T-2:18.

#### Flames 2, Kings 0

Calgary 1 0 1-2  
 Los Angeles 0 0 0-0  
**First Period**—1, Calgary, Cammalleri 29 (Bertuzzi, Iginla), 8:58 (pp).  
**Third Period**—2, Calgary, Bourque 19 (Glencross, Conroy), 19:24 (en).  
**Shots on Goal**—Calgary 8-6-6-20. Los Angeles 12-13-11-36.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Calgary 1 of 4; Los Angeles 0 of 6.  
**Goalies**—Calgary, Kiprusoff 32-15-4 (36 shots-36 saves). Los Angeles, Quick 11-7-0 (19-18).  
 A-17,286 (18,118). T-2:22.

#### Red Wings 4, Wild 2

Minnesota 1 0 1-2  
 Detroit 1 3 0-4  
**First Period**—1, Detroit, Samuelsson 15 (Lebeda, Kronwall), 9:26, 2, Minnesota, Burns 8 (Miettinen, Zidlicky), 15:31 (pp).  
**Second Period**—3, Detroit, Hudler 18 (Hossa, Lilja), 10:22, 4, Detroit, Draper 4 (Hossa, Filipula), 11:12, 5, Detroit, Leino 3 (Kopecky, Rafalski), 17:15.  
**Third Period**—6, Minnesota, Koivu 16 (Miettinen, Skoula), 10:25 (sh).  
**Shots on Goal**—Minnesota 12-6-5-23. Detroit 17-16-10-43.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Minnesota 1 of 3; Detroit 0 of 5.  
**Goalies**—Minnesota, Harding 1-6-1 (43 shots-39 saves). Detroit, Osgood 18-4-6 (23-21).  
 A-20,066 (20,066). T-2:20.



## College basketball roundup

# Irish return Brey's 'love'

## Notre Dame ends a 7-game slide with romp over No. 5 Louisville

The Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Maybe Louisville coach Rick Pitino needs to borrow the tough-love approach Notre Dame coach Mike Brey used the past few days.

After a hard week in which Brey threatened that everyone's spot in the lineup was up for grabs and which saw him throw a player out of practice, the Irish followed their worst loss in nine seasons under Brey with their best game of the season, beating No. 5 Louisville 90-57 on Thursday night to end a seven-game losing streak.

"Coach got into us and the players got into each other, too, which was great," said Luke Harangody, who led the Irish with 32 points and 17 rebounds. "We need that kind of tough love."

Pitino, saying he can't remember the last time a team of his was beaten so thoroughly, said the problem is his team hasn't been listening to him and hasn't been practicing with a purpose.

"I'm a big believer in you reap what you sow," Pitino said.

The Cardinals (18-5, 9-2 Big East) couldn't stop anyone as the Irish (13-10, 4-7) shot 54 percent — their best shooting game of the season and the worst game defensively for Louisville.

Pitino credited the Irish for their play, but clearly was upset with his team. Asked if he would skip having the team watch the tape because the game was so lopsided, Pitino said he would make them watch.

"Because they humiliated themselves, they're going to watch it again," he said.

Pitino was concerned how Notre Dame would come out because the Irish were so desperate.

"I thought we were going into a hornets' nest. I didn't think we were going into an earthquake," he said.

The 33-point victory is the largest ever in the Big East for Notre Dame, which lost 89-63 at No. 11 UCLA on Saturday. Ryan Ayers added 19 points for Notre Dame and Tory Jackson had 14.

Earl Clark led Louisville with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Brey said it was good to be with his team in the locker room celebrating a victory.

"We haven't done that in a while," he said.

**No. 18 Arizona St. 74, No. 11 UCLA 67:** At Tempe, Ariz., Derek Glasser scored 15 points, including a clutch three-pointer, for Arizona State. The Sun Devils hit 11 threes, none bigger than Glasser's with 1:12 remaining

that gave Arizona State a 69-67 lead.

James Harden scored 15 points and had a career-high 11 assists as Arizona State (19-5, 8-4) became the first Pac-10 team to sweep the season series with UCLA since Washington in 2005-06.

Josh Shipp had 16 points and Darren Collison and Michael Roll 15 each for UCLA (19-5, 8-3), which had a four-game winning streak snapped.

**No. 19 Gonzaga 72, Saint Mary's 70:** At Moraga, Calif., Matt Bouldin scored 21 points and Josh Heytvelt added 20 points and 10 rebounds as Gonzaga survived Saint Mary's last-minute comeback. Jeremy Pargo scored 11 points, including a free throw with 4.1 seconds left, for the Zags (18-5, 9-0 West Coast Conference). Wayne Hunter scored 18 points for the Gaels (19-5, 6-4).

**No. 21 Utah St. 62, Idaho 53:** At Moscow, Idaho, Gary Wilkinson had 18 points and 10 rebounds and Utah State extended the nation's longest winning streak to 19 games. Jared Quayle added 12 points for the Aggies (24-1, 12-0), who clinched at least a share of their second straight Western Athletic Conference title.

**No. 22 Illinois 60, Northwestern 59:** At Evanston, Ill., Demetri McCamey scored 21 points and banked in the go-ahead jumper with 2.9 seconds left for Illinois, which rallied from 14 points down.

Trent Meacham scored 12 of his 15 points in the final 5 minutes as the Illini (20-5, 8-4 Big Ten) rallied from a 57-43 deficit.

Meacham stripped the ball from Michael Thompson underneath the Wildcats' basket with 14.7 seconds left, and found McCamey on the right wing for the winning jumper.

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Notre Dame guard Kyle McAlarney works the ball against Louisville guard Preston Knowles during the first half of Thursday night's Big East Conference game at South Bend, Ind. Notre Dame ended a seven-game losing streak with a 90-57 victory over fifth-ranked Louisville.

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## NBA roundup

# Rivers' ejection energizes Celtics

The Associated Press

DALLAS — The Boston Celtics had just committed their 20th turnover, the frustrated Kevin Garnett was sitting on the bench with five fouls and coach Doc Rivers was already in the locker room after being ejected.

And it was still only the third quarter in Dallas.

Oh well, the defending champion Celtics were already guaranteed having the most victories going into the All-Star break, no matter what happened Thursday.

"The coach is gone in the last game before the All-Star break, you can pack it in," Paul Pierce said. "But this group is very competitive. We're going to fight."

Pierce scored 18 of his 31 points in the fourth quarter, including the shot that finally gave the Celtics their first lead right before Garnett returned, and two more baskets in the final 1:12 to seal a 99-92 victory.

"I'm going to take the blame for this," Mavs coach Rick Carlisle said. "We played the Paul Pierce play different ways and had some of our best guys guarding him, but we should have double-teamed him."

Dallas didn't, and the defending champion Celtics go into the break with a 44-11 record and a nine-game road winning streak.

Boston had trailed by up to 15 points in the third quarter before a wild sequence in which Garnett drew three fouls in 10 seconds — two personals and a technical — battling with Dirk Nowitzki, Dallas' lone All-Star who finished

with 37 points.

Rivers got two technical fouls during that stretch.

That fired up the Celtics, and Nowitzki then missed six straight field goals before hitting a three-pointer that tied it at 89 with 1:58 left in the game. Pierce then made two more free throws before Nowitzki pulled up for another 12-footer.

Pierce then put Boston ahead to stay with an 11-footer. After taking an elbow to the head from the charging Nowitzki, who was called for the foul at the other end, Pierce made another jumper.

"It gives us great satisfaction, the way we finished the game after they jumped on us at the start," Ray Allen said. "I like the way we fought back."

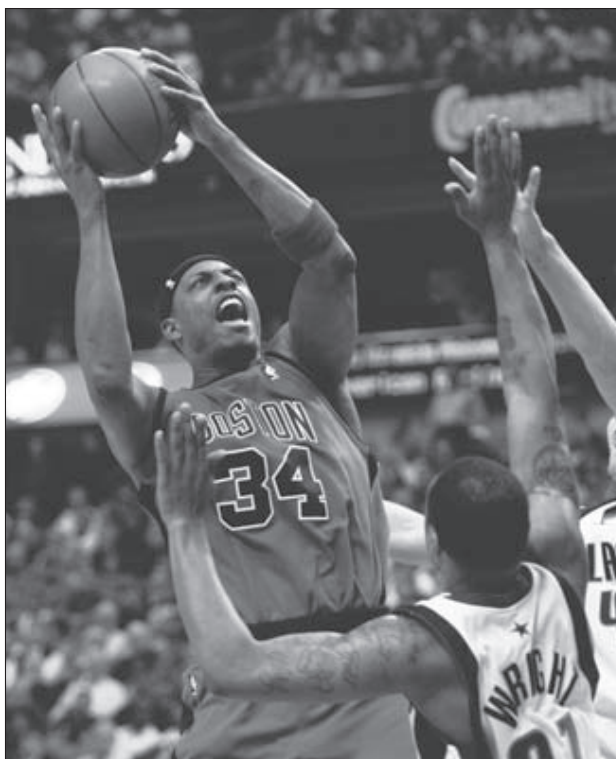
The Celtics made only one of their first nine shots and trailed 9-2 early. They never led until Pierce made a tying 13-foot jumper while being fouled by Josh Howard with 5:37 left, then added the free throw to make it 85-84.

After Nowitzki missed two more shots, Pierce hit two more free throws after Howard's sixth foul with 3:47 left.

"You could say we lost focus, you could say they got hot, which Paul did," said Howard, who had 17 points for Dallas.

It was drastically different from when Dallas played in Boston last month, when the Celtics built a 31-point lead before halftime and had a season-high 74 points at the break. Boston won that game 124-100.

This time, the Mavs led 51-40 at halftime — and Rivers only



TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

**Boston Celtics forward Paul Pierce attempts a shot as Dallas Mavericks guard Antoine Wright defends during the first half in Dallas on Thursday. Pierce scored 31 points in the Celtics' 99-92 victory.**

watched about 10 more minutes before being tossed.

"Doc knew we were flat. He was trying to get us going. It was good," said assistant coach Tom Thibodeau, who took over for Rivers. "Once he got tossed, I thought that galvanized us, energized us."

**Heats 95, Bulls 93:** At Chicago, Shawn Marion's dunk with 1.1 seconds left won it. Dwyane Wade, selected as a starter for the Eastern Conference in the NBA All-Star Game this weekend in Phoenix, scored 24 points. Wade scored eight points in the fourth quarter and found Marion for the decisive dunk.

Reserve Michael Beasley finished with 21 points for the Heat, who came in as losers of five out of the past seven games.

**Warriors 105, Trail Blazers 98:** At Oakland, Calif., Corey Maggette had 24 points, Monta Ellis made three key baskets down the stretch and Golden State won its third in a row.

Stephen Jackson and Ellis scored 20 points apiece, while Rony Turiaf had 14 points and 11 rebounds for his first double-double in nearly two years.

Brandon Roy scored 37 points and LaMarcus Aldridge added 20 for the Blazers, who have not won at Golden State since 2004.

## NBA scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

| Atlantic Division  |    |    |      |     |
|--------------------|----|----|------|-----|
|                    | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| Boston             | 44 | 11 | .800 | —   |
| Philadelphia       | 27 | 24 | .529 | 15  |
| New Jersey         | 24 | 29 | .453 | 19  |
| New York           | 21 | 31 | .404 | 21½ |
| Toronto            | 21 | 34 | .382 | 23  |
| Southeast Division |    |    |      |     |
|                    | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| Orlando            | 38 | 13 | .745 | —   |
| Atlanta            | 31 | 21 | .596 | 7½  |
| Miami              | 28 | 24 | .538 | 10½ |
| Charlotte          | 21 | 31 | .404 | 17½ |
| Washington         | 11 | 42 | .208 | 28  |
| Central Division   |    |    |      |     |
|                    | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| Cleveland          | 40 | 11 | .784 | —   |
| Detroit            | 27 | 24 | .529 | 13  |
| Milwaukee          | 26 | 29 | .473 | 16  |
| Chicago            | 23 | 30 | .434 | 18  |
| Indiana            | 21 | 33 | .389 | 20½ |

### Western Conference

| Southwest Division |    |    |      |     |
|--------------------|----|----|------|-----|
|                    | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| San Antonio        | 35 | 16 | .686 | —   |
| Houston            | 32 | 21 | .604 | 4   |
| New Orleans        | 30 | 20 | .600 | 4½  |
| Dallas             | 31 | 21 | .596 | 4½  |
| Memphis            | 15 | 37 | .288 | 20½ |
| Northwest Division |    |    |      |     |
| Denver             | 36 | 17 | .679 | —   |
| Portland           | 32 | 20 | .615 | 3½  |
| Utah               | 30 | 23 | .566 | 6   |
| Minnesota          | 17 | 34 | .333 | 18  |
| Oklahoma City      | 13 | 40 | .245 | 23  |
| Pacific Division   |    |    |      |     |
| L.A. Lakers        | 42 | 10 | .808 | —   |
| Phoenix            | 28 | 23 | .549 | 13½ |
| Golden State       | 19 | 35 | .352 | 24  |
| L.A. Clippers      | 13 | 40 | .245 | 29½ |
| Sacramento         | 11 | 43 | .204 | 32  |

#### Sunday's games

Miami 95, Chicago 93  
Boston 99, Dallas 92  
Golden State 105, Portland 98

#### Friday's games

No games scheduled

#### Saturday's games

No games scheduled

#### Sunday's game

All-Star Game at Phoenix

#### Thursday

### Heat 95, Bulls 93

**MIAMI** — Marion 6-10 0-0 12, Haslem 4-6 2-2 10, Anthony 1-3 0-0 2, Wade 9-23 6-6 24, Chalmers 3-8 0-0 6, Beasley 9-10 2-2 21, Cook 4-10 2-2 14, Quinn 1-5 0-1 3, Jones 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 38-78 12-13 95.

**CHICAGO** — Deng 2-6 2-6, Thomas 5-8 5-7 15, Noah 1-5 3-4 5, Gordon 10-21 14-16 34, Rose 7-14 4-4 18, Hinrich 4-7 0-0 8, Nocioni 2-8 2-7 7, Seferofola 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 31-70 30-93.

**MIAMI** 23 27 26 19-95  
**Chicago** 24 15 26 28-93  
Three-Point Goals—Miami 7-18 (Cook 4-6, Beasley 1-1, Jones 1-2, Quinn 1-4, Marion 0-1, Chalmers 0-2, Wade 0-2), Chicago 1-8 (Nocioni 1-3, Rose 0-1, Hinrich 0-2, Gordon 0-1). Rebounds—Miami 40 (Marion, Haslem, Beasley 7), Chicago 45 (Noah 11). Assists—Miami 25 (Wade 7), Chicago 20 (Rose 6). Total Fouls—Miami 24, Chicago 14. Technical—Chicago defensive three second. A—21,801 (21,711).

### Celtics 99, Mavericks 92

**BOSTON** — Pierce 9-20 13-14 31, Garnett 7-13 2-2 16, Perkins 0-2 0-0 8, R.Allen 5-12 8-20, Rondo 9-14 1-2 19, Pruitt 0-0 0-0 0, Powe 2-6 0-0 4, House 2-4 2-2 7, Davis 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 35-72 26-28 99.

**DALLAS (92)** — Howard 6-19 4-4 17, Nowitzki 13-28 9-12 37, Dampier 1-3 2-2 4, Wright 4-10 0-0 10, Kidd 1-8 0-0 3, Carroll 2-3 2-2 6, Bass 2-4 4-4 8, Barea 3-5 0-0 7, George 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 32-81 21-24 92.

**Boston** 17 23 29 30-99  
**Dallas** 21 30 24 17-92  
Three-Point Goals—Boston 3-10 (R.Allen 2-6, House 1-2, Pierce 0-2), Dallas 7-17 (Wright 2-3, Nowitzki 2-4, Barea 1-2, Howard 1-2, Kidd 1-4, George 0-1, Carroll 0-1). Fouled Out—Powe, Howard, Rebounds—Boston 57 (Rondo 15), Dallas 34 (Nowitzki 8). Assists—Boston 24 (Rondo 14), Dallas 16 (Kidd 10). Total Fouls—Boston 25, Dallas 26. Technicals—Garnett, Boston Coach Rivers 2, Dallas Coach Carlisle, Dampier, Nowitzki. Ejected—Boston Coach Rivers. A—20,285 (19,200).

### Warriors 105, Trail Blazers 98

**PORTLAND** — Batum 0-3 0-0 4, Aldridge 8-13 4-4 20, Oden 4-5 0-0 8, Roy 14-21 6-8 37, Rodriguez 5-11 0-0 10, Przybylla 1-4 0-0 2, Bayless 1-5 1-2 4, Outlaw 3-14 2-8 7, Fernandez 3-7 1-1 9, Frye 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-83 14-17 98.

**GOLDEN STATE** — Azubuike 1-6 4-4 6, Jackson 5-14 8-8 20, Turiaf 4-7 6-6 14, Ellis 7-16 5-6 20, Crawford 2-9 8-8 12, A.Randolph 3-6 3-4 9, Maggette 9-16 5-7 24, Watson 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 31-76 39-43 105.

**Portland** 20 26 16 36-98  
**Golden State** 32 25 23 25-105

Three-Point Goals—Portland 6-14 (Roy 3-5, Fernandez 2-5, Bayless 1-1, Batum 0-1, Outlaw 0-1, Rodriguez 0-1), Golden State 4-9 (Jackson 2-3, Maggette 1-1, Ellis 1-1, Azubuike 0-1, Crawford 0-3). Fouled Out—Aldridge. Rebounds—Portland 50 (Outlaw 12), Golden State 46 (Turiaf 11). Assists—Portland 16 (Rodriguez 7), Golden State 13 (Jackson 6). Total Fouls—Portland 32, Golden State 18. Technicals—Portland Coach McMillan, Portland defensive three second, Golden State defensive three second. A—19,322 (19,596).

## NBA briefs

# Jordan, Stockton, Robinson up for Hall of Fame

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Michael Jordan, John Stockton and David Robinson were among the 16 finalists for the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced on Friday.

NBA coaches Don Nelson and Jerry Sloan and Rutgers women's coach C. Vivian Stringer also made the cut from a field of 164 nominees, as did ex-NBA stars Dennis Johnson, Chris Mullin and Bernard King, and two-time WNBA MVP Cynthia Cooper.

"I'll step out on a limb and speak for all of them and say thank you," said Robinson, the former San Antonio stalwart and lone finalist who attended the announcement during NBA All-Star Game festivities. "We understand the honor that goes along with being nominated. We know everyone doesn't get in."

The election announcement will be made on April 6 at the

NCAA Final Four in Detroit, with enshrinement in September at the Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass. All 16 finalists may be elected, according to Hall policy.

Jordan, regarded by many as the greatest player in history, led the Bulls to six NBA titles and won an NCAA championship at North Carolina. He was a five-time NBA MVP and a six-time NBA Finals MVP. He also won two Olympic gold medals.

Jordan and Stockton dueling in two NBA Finals, with Jordan's Chicago Bulls defeating Stockton's Utah Jazz in 1997 and 1998.

Stockton retired as the NBA's career leader in assists and steals, and he also won a pair of Olympic gold medals.

"I mean, those two are a lock," Robinson said. "But think about the rest of these guys. Who's not going to get in?"

#### Source: Heat trade Marion

MIAMI — Shawn Marion's

most memorable play with the Miami Heat was his last.

Hours after Marion's last-second dunk lifted the Heat past the Chicago Bulls, he was traded Friday to the Toronto Raptors in exchange for Jermaine O'Neal, a person familiar with the terms told The Associated Press.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the NBA had yet to sign off on the deal, which also had Marcus Banks and cash considerations going to Toronto and Jamarion Moon and a conditional draft pick to Miami.

Miami and Toronto discussed the long-awaited deal for weeks and, with the trade deadline looming Wednesday, decided to move forward. Miami also was linked to trade talk with several other teams, including Phoenix and Sacramento.

Neither the Heat nor the Raptors had any immediate comment. NBA officials must approve the trade, which typically happens by

conference call, and it was unclear if that would occur later Friday.

Marion — whom Miami acquired just over a year ago from Phoenix for Shaquille O'Neal — was referred to by both Heat coach Erik Spoelstra and president Pat Riley in recent weeks as the team's "second-best player" behind Dwyane Wade.

He took a bounce pass from Wade and dunked with 1.1 seconds left Thursday night, lifting Miami to a 95-93 win and sparking the sort of on-court, chest-bumping celebration that's rarely seen in the regular season.

#### Cavs' Brown fined \$25K

CLEVELAND — Mike Brown went to the All-Star Game with less spending money.

Cleveland's coach was fined \$25,000 by the NBA on Thursday for publicly criticizing referee Joey Crawford following the Cavaliers' last-second loss at Indiana earlier this week.



# Happy days in Atlanta at last

## Fast-improving Hawks have a leg up on prime playoff position

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Josh Smith, who was there for the worst of it, pondered the much-improved state of the Atlanta Hawks.

"How many games did we win last year?" he asked.

Thirty-seven, someone replied.

"Well, we're only six games behind that," Smith quickly deduced. "That just shows the maturity and hard work in the offseason to get us where we are right now."

Yep, the Hawks are sitting pretty at the All-Star break, holding down the all-important fourth spot in the Eastern Conference with a 31-21 record — their best mark at this point in the season since 1996-97.

Atlanta went 37-45 a year ago, which doesn't sound all that impressive until you consider where the Hawks were coming from. The went 13-69 during the 2004-05 season, Smith's rookie year.

Showing steady, if somewhat tedious, progress, the Hawks improved each of the next three years, culminating with their first trip to the playoffs this millennium. They took advantage of it, too, taking the eventual NBA champion Boston Celtics to seven games in a memorable opening-round series last spring.

Building off that performance, the Hawks started this season with six straight victories. Even with a few bumps and stalls along the way, they have clearly established themselves as the best of the bunch in the East after the Big Three of Boston, Cleveland and Orlando, each way out front in the respective division races.

"We've got a lot of guys that are hungry (from) last year after getting a taste of success in the first round against the world champs," coach Mike Woodson said after the Hawks closed the first half in style, winning 99-95 at Detroit on Wednesday night.

The Hawks made no major additions after last season; in fact, they lost valuable sixth man Josh Childress, who shockingly spurned Atlanta's offer to sign with a team in Greece. New general manager Rick Sund filled that hole with a couple of players, signing journeymen Flip Murray and Maurice Evans. Both have played major roles off the bench, as has backup center Zaza Pachulia.

Murray, playing with its sixth team in seven seasons, is one of six players averaging in double figures (10.9 points a game), providing Woodson with a combo guard who can spell either Mike Bibby at the point or leading scorer Joe Johnson at the shooting spot.

Johnson, who's heading the All-Star Game for the third year in a row, is the Hawks' most prominent player, but Bibby might be the most valuable. That was apparent last weekend when Bibby sat out a game with an injured foot — and Atlanta lost by 24 points at home to the woeful Los Angeles Clippers.

Bibby returned to play the last two games before the break, both victories.

"He's a big part of what we have done," Woodson said. "He was one of the main reasons we were able to push into the playoffs. I think the guys like playing with him. He makes things happen on the floor by

scoring with the basketball, and passing the open guys when needed. In that regard, it's very good to have him on the floor."

Bibby, at 30 the team's oldest starter, was acquired from Sacramento almost exactly one year ago with the Hawks floundering and looking as though they would miss the playoffs for the ninth year in a row. He wasn't in very good shape, having been sidelined by thumb and heel injuries, and was unfamiliar with Woodson's system.

Still, just having a legitimate point guard — the first in Atlanta since Mookie Blaylock — proved to be just what the Hawks needed. Finally, they had someone who could distribute the ball to a bunch of talented youngsters such as Johnson, Smith, Marvin Williams and Al Horford.

"I couldn't have been happier," Woodson said. "Even knowing that he had missed camp and he was still nursing his hand from the injury, shoot, that didn't matter. It was a point guard that was capable of running a basketball team."

After acquiring Bibby, the Hawks' scoring average jumped dramatically (94.8 to 103.5) and they essentially clinched the final playoff spot in the East by ripping off 11 victories in 15 games starting in mid-March. Then, in a move that appeared calculated, the veteran called out Boston's fans as front-runners during the playoffs, drawing the wrath of Beantown while taking the heat off his younger teammates.

Bibby's tactics didn't lead to a monumental upset, but Atlanta surprised everyone — maybe even themselves — by winning all three games in Atlanta.

"We've learned a lot from playing in that



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

In this Dec. 29, 2008 photo, Atlanta's Mike Bibby (10) celebrates with teammate Josh Smith after a victory. Atlanta is 31-21 at the All-Star break, its best record at this point since 1996-97.

series against Boston. They have kind of made us who we are," Woodson said. "I say to these guys all the time: If you can take Boston to seven games, there's no team in this league you can't beat."

Mindful of the four blowout losses in Boston, Woodson's main goal coming into this season was to get home-court advantage in the opening round of the playoffs. The Hawks are positioned well to open the playoffs at home, going into the final night of games before the break with a 3½-game lead over Miami, Philadelphia and Detroit, all fighting for the No. 5 spot.

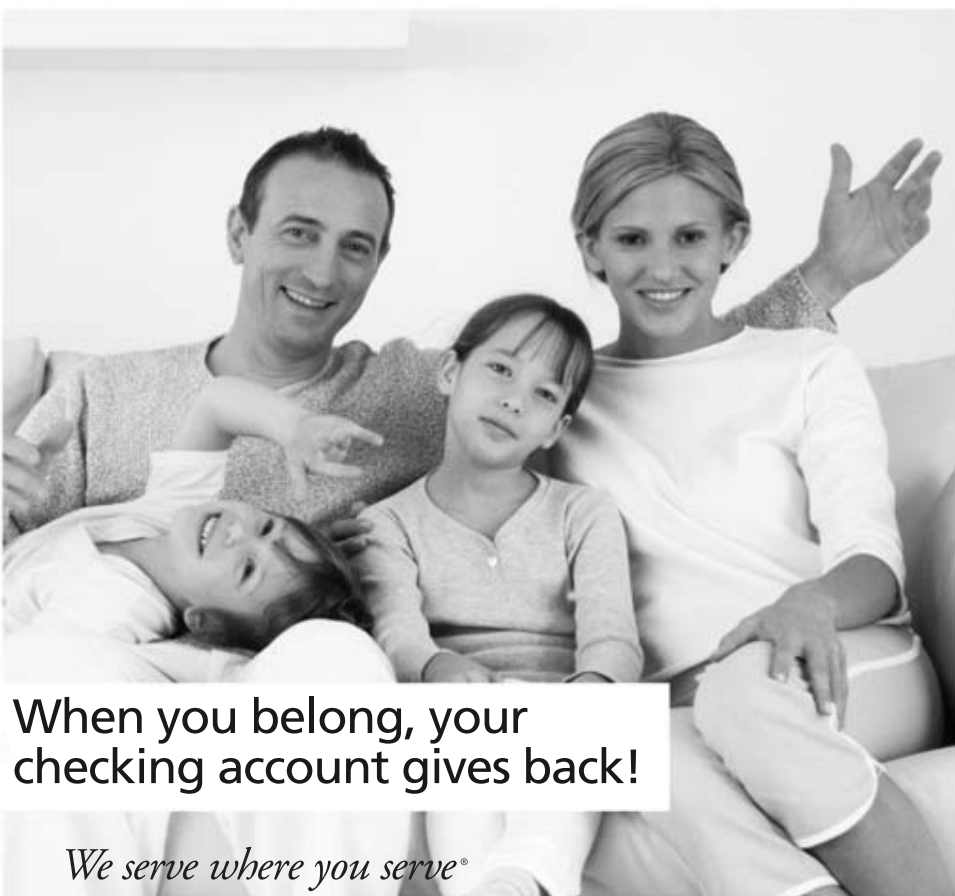
"If it takes 45 or 50 games to secure home court, that's what we're going to shoot for," Woodson said. "I'm interested in trying to host first-round playoffs here in Atlanta so we don't have to go out on the road and experience what we experienced in the first round last season."

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## Sports briefs

# Vonn to race slalom despite thumb injury

The Associated Press

VAL D'ISERE, France — Lindsey Vonn will compete in Saturday's slalom in the world championships despite slicing her thumb on a broken champagne bottle and needing surgery.

She decided to race after testing out her grip during training runs on Friday. Vonn has already won two golds in the world championships.

"She's going to go. She did three or four runs and it was actually quite good," U.S. women's head coach Jim Tracy said.

Vonn sliced her thumb when she grabbed a broken champagne bottle during a party celebrating her downhill victory on Monday. She traveled to Austria for surgery to repair a severed tendon.

She missed Thursday's giant slalom and spent two days testing out a specially designed splint that will enable her to hold her ski pole.

## Skier awakens from coma

INNSBRUCK, Austria — Swiss skier Daniel Albrecht will suffer no permanent damage to his health from brain and lung injuries following his downhill training crash last month, doctors said Friday.

Albrecht woke up from an induced coma Thursday, three weeks after badly crashing on the final jump of the Streif course in Kitzbuehel, Austria.

"We are very pleased about his condition," neurologist Bettina Pfausler at the Innsbruck University hospital said.

Albrecht had full movement in his limbs and no memory loss, and was already able to sit upright and answer "yes" and "no" to simple questions, Pfausler said.

Complications affecting Albrecht's lungs after a severe infection of the organ were the doctor's main concern, though a full recovery was expected, senior physician Stefan Schmid said.

## Janka wins GS; Ligety third

VAL D'ISERE, France — Carlo Janka of Switzerland won the giant slalom in the world championships Friday, while American Ted Ligety was third and Bode Miller did not finish.

Janka was timed in 2 minutes, 18.82 seconds for the two runs down the Face de Bellevarde course. Benjamin Raich of Austria finished second, 0.71 behind.

Ligety earned the first medal for the U.S. men at Val d'Isere. After finishing ninth in the opening run, he moved into the bronze medal position by posting the fastest run in the second leg (1:09.85).

"I just tried to get all my nerves out," he said. "I knew I had a bad first run and had to give everything and attack all the way."

It's a second major championship medal for Ligety, 24. He won gold in the combined event in the 2006 Winter Olympics at Turin, Italy.

Miller, the 2003 world champion in the giant slalom, was 17th after the first run and skied off

the course during his second run. Miller, 31, the defending World Cup overall champion, is winless in 26 World Cup and four world championship races this season.

## Pitcher wins case against NCAA

STILLWATER, Okla. — Oklahoma State pitcher Andrew Oliver was reinstated to the team on Thursday when an Ohio judge tossed out an NCAA rule that prevents college baseball players from hiring advisers who are in direct contact with big league clubs.

Oliver filed a lawsuit after he was ruled ineligible. The NCAA suspended him last spring because it said advisers he had hired listened in on contract negotiations after he was drafted by the Minnesota Twins in June 2006.

Baseball players, unlike football and basketball players, can be drafted before they've entered college, forcing many to retain advisers who can help them with negotiations. NCAA rules prevent those advisers from having direct contact with big league clubs.

Erie County Common Pleas Judge Tygh Tone ruled that the NCAA shouldn't restrict a player's right to have legal help when negotiating a big league contract.

Oliver, 21, is projected to be a first-round pick in this year's amateur draft. The left-hander played on the 2008 USA national team, and was 7-2 with a 2.20 ERA for Oklahoma State last season.

## Agent shops Burress around

NEWARK, N.J. — Plaxico Burress seemingly wants to leave the New York Giants.

Drew Rosenhaus, the agent for the troubled receiver, sent an e-mail to the NFL's teams earlier this week letting them know that Burress was one of his three clients who wants to be traded, an NFL executive told The Associated Press on Thursday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the e-mail was supposed to remain private.

The Star-Ledger of Newark was the first to have the story, reporting in its Wednesday editions that Rosenhaus' initial e-mail to the teams said that Burress could be acquired through a trade.

However, the NFL executive, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he had to deal with Rosenhaus, said the initial e-mail said that the agent had three "players DESIRING a trade."

The other two players are Anquan Boldin of the NFC champion Arizona Cardinals and Chad Johnson of the Cincinnati Bengals.

Arizona general manager Rod Graves did not return a telephone call left by The Associated Press at his office.

Giants general manager Jerry Reese refused to comment.

Rosenhaus did not return two telephone calls and an e-mail seeking comment.

Burress' future has been in limbo since he shot himself in the right thigh at a New York City nightclub in late November. He was charged with felony gun possession and is due in court March

31. If convicted, he faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 3½ years in prison.

Burress, 31, also faces a possible suspension by the NFL for violating its personal conduct rules.

The Giants, who signed Burress to a five-year, \$35 million contract in September, have left the door open for Burress to return.

An unidentified source told the Star-Ledger that Rosenhaus did not have the Giants' permission to solicit trade inquiries, and that the Giants were furious when they learned about the e-mail.

## Haynesworth investigated for auto accident

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee Titans All-Pro defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth is being blamed for causing an accident that left a Tennessee man needing hip replacement and has a district attorney reviewing the Dec. 13 incident for a possible probation violation.

Haynesworth is due to become a free agent Feb. 27 and is seeking to become the NFL's highest-paid defensive player.

In December, he agreed to 30 days' probation to divert a ticket for driving 103 mph in a 70-mph zone in March only four days before being cited for careless driving on Interstate 65 south of Nashville. He allegedly was trying to pass Corey Edmonson of Nashville, who lost control and crashed into the concrete median. Haynesworth was cited for careless driving and having an expired registration in the incident, charges dismissed in Brentwood City Court on Thursday.

But Williamson County District Attorney Kim Helper said the case is being reviewed and could go to a grand jury as early as March 9 because Haynesworth should have reported the incident to his parole officer.

## Broncos promote Xanders

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Brian Xanders, who begged every NFL team for a job after graduating from Florida State, was promoted to general manager of the Denver Broncos on Thursday.

Xanders, a former walk-on middle linebacker, joined the Broncos on May 5 after 14 seasons in the Atlanta Falcons organization. He was assistant general manager in Denver along with Jeff Goodman, whose father, Jim, was the Broncos' vice president of football operations.

Both the Goodmans were fired when Xanders was promoted.

When owner Pat Bowlen fired coach Mike Shanahan on Dec. 30, he decided not to give his new coach as much power and said he would search for a general manager after finding a new coach.

Xanders, who negotiated some of Denver's bigger contracts last season, is now in charge of all player personnel issues, including college scouting, pro personnel and labor negotiations.

## Wie one stroke back

KAHUKU, Hawaii — Michelle Wie made her much-anticipated

debut as a full-fledged LPGA Tour member, with birdies on her final three holes for a 6-under 66 on Thursday in the first round of the season-opening SBS Open.

Wie, 19, was a stroke behind leader Angela Stanford.

Wie was tied with rookie of the year Yani Tseng, who was ranked 133rd a year ago and is now No. 2. South Korea's Kyeong Bae had 67, and Japan's Momoko Ueda shot a 68.

## Garrigus leads Pebble Beach

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Sunshine and tranquil conditions turned the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am into paradise, and it was particularly ideal for big hitters Robert Garrigus and Dustin Johnson.

Garrigus reached the uphill, 529-yard seventh hole at Spyglass Hill with a 5-iron and holed a 50-foot eagle putt, then closed out his first round with consecutive birdies for a 7-under 65. Johnson shot a 65 at Pebble Beach.

Such scores are rare at Spyglass and Pebble except when the wind and rain go on hiatus, which was the case on a gorgeous afternoon on the Monterey Peninsula. And there's a big advantage with length on soft courses in chilly weather.

Rich Beem (Pebble Beach), Vaughn Taylor (Pebble Beach) and Charley Hoffman (Spyglass) shot 66s. Vijay Singh, in his first tournament since minor knee surgery after the season-opening Mercedes-Benz Championship, had a 72 at Poppy Hills, while Padraig Harrington struggled to a 74 at Poppy. Phil Mickelson had a 72 at Spyglass.

## Webb falls back in Australian

MELBOURNE, Australia — Two-time defending champion Karrie Webb struggled in tough afternoon conditions and shot a 2-over 75 Friday to fall two shots off the lead after the second round of the Women's Australian Open.

Webb, who had a 66 in the first round, trails Lee Chang-hee after the South Korean shot a 70 for a two-round total of 7-under 139. Webb was tied with England's Georgina Simpson, who shot a 68 for the best round of the day, and Tania Elosegui of Spain (72).

## Islanders' Weight out 6 weeks

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — New York Islanders center Doug Weight will be out six weeks because of a knee injury. Weight sprained an MCL Wednesday in a collision with New Jersey forward Brian Gionta.

Weight, in his 17th NHL season, has nine goals and 26 assists in 44 games this season.

## NCAA slaps Abilene Christian

INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA ordered Abilene Christian to vacate 10 football victories from 2007 and placed the track program on two years' probation with school-imposed scholarship reductions. Thursday's ruling cited major violations in both programs.

## UConn's Dyson needs surgery

STORRS, Conn. — Connecticut guard Jerome Dyson requires surgery on his right knee and could miss the rest of the season.

Dyson was injured Wednesday night less than four minutes into the top-ranked Huskies' 63-49 victory over Syracuse. He banged knees with a Syracuse player as he fought through a screen and had to be helped from the court.

An MRI Thursday revealed a torn lateral meniscus.

School officials said the junior would have surgery in the next week. They won't know his status for the rest of the season until after the operation.

Dyson started all 24 games, averaging over 13 point per game. Coach Jim Calhoun called him a big part of Connecticut's 23-1 record and said he expects Dyson will be back for his senior year.

## Arkansas suspends Fortson

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Arkansas point guard Courtney Fortson was suspended indefinitely by coach John Pelphrey on Thursday. The freshman has started all but one game this season, averaging 14.6 points and 6.5 assists.

Pelphrey wasn't specific about why Fortson was suspended. Fortson fouled out of a 75-62 loss to Auburn on Wednesday night. A technical foul was called on the Arkansas team at the same time.

Previously, Jason Henry, Montrell McDonald and Brandon Moore were held out of action at one time or another.

## Falcons seek Vick trade

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Atlanta general manager Thomas Dimitroff said Friday the Falcons will try to trade the contract rights to jailed quarterback Michael Vick.

In an interview that appeared on the team's Web site, Dimitroff said, "With regards to Michael Vick, we've decided to seek a trade of his contractual rights to another NFL club."

Vick is currently in federal prison on felony charges related to dogfighting. He is scheduled to be released in July.

Vick has a contract that runs to 2013 and calls for him to receive a base salary of \$9 million and a bonus of \$6.43 million in 2009. The remainder of the contract is worth \$45.11 million, with another possible \$3 million in Pro Bowl bonuses.

"We feel a trade is the best move for the Falcons, and it's also in the best interest for Michael," Dimitroff said. "This has been a really unique situation from a variety of standpoints and because we will actively be involved in a trade situation, I don't envision our organization speaking any more about this subject publicly until it's reached a resolution."

He said the Falcons have had no discussions with other teams because Vick is under suspension by the NFL, "but we think some teams might be interested in exploring a trade."



Manager Joe Girardi knows that when it comes to the Yankees, winning is the only thing that matters.

GENE J. PUSKAR/AP



## For Girardi, it's probably now or never

By RONALD BLUM  
The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Joe Girardi settled onto the wooden dugout bench at Steinbrenner Field for the start of his second spring training as manager of the New York Yankees and asked whether anyone wanted to discuss CC Sabathia.

Not yet. The first 28 minutes of his 40-minute opening session with the media dealt almost exclusively with Alex Rodriguez. Only then did attention turn to the rest of the team, and a question was asked about Girardi's job security.

Is his mind-set going into the season that unless New York returns to the playoffs after missing out last year, he might not be back?

"I don't necessarily think about those things," Girardi said, "but as you state the question, you're probably right."

New York finished third at 89-73 last year, eight games behind surprise AL East winner Tampa Bay and six games back of wild-card Boston. The Yankees were pretty much out of contention by late August and spent September dwelling on the final days of Yankee Stadium rather than a pennant chase.

That followed 13 consecutive playoff appearances, the final 12 under Joe Torre. It also was the first year after George Steinbrenner gave up control of the team's daily operations to sons Hal and Hank, and no one within the Yankees was happy.

Torre won four World Series titles in his first five seasons and recounted the highs and lows in his controversial new book.

Girardi comes to spring training wearing the same No. 27 on his jersey as he did last year. It represents the quest for the franchise's 27th World Series title, one that Torre and Girardi failed to fulfill.

"I never tried to replace him. I just tried to be myself," Girardi said.

The Yankees spent \$423.5 million to add Sabathia, pitcher A.J. Burnett and first baseman Mark Teixeira.

"I think me having the same lineup every day would help," Girardi said. "Obviously, the starters that we have signed, we feel that it fortifies our rotation."

Rodriguez's admission that he used banned drugs is getting most of the attention. But even before that, Girardi expected a hubbub when spring training began. In his mind, what would be the focus?

"I thought it would be a book," Girardi said.

## MLB briefs

# A-Rod book being rushed

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — An unauthorized and highly anticipated book about New York Yankees All-Star Alex Rodriguez is coming out a month sooner than planned.

Publication of Serena Roberts' book — "A-Rod: The Many Lives of Alex Rodriguez" — has been moved up from May 19 to April 14 as scrutiny builds on the slugger after he acknowledged using banned substances from 2001-2003 while with the Texas Rangers.

The book, originally titled "Hit and Run: The Many Lives of Alex Rodriguez," reportedly includes salacious details about Rodriguez's private life.

Publisher HarperCollins has announced a first printing of 150,000 copies.

### Feds cleared in raid of Bonds' trainer

SAN FRANCISCO — The government's lead sports doping investigator and several other IRS agents have been cleared of wrongdoing in a raid on the home of Barry Bonds' personal trainer.

When federal agents raided the home of Bonds' trainer, Greg Anderson, on Sept. 3, 2003, they seized \$63,920 from a safe and a drawer in his kitchen.

Less than a month later, \$600 went missing, and several IRS agents, including BALCO investigator Jeff Novitzky, were placed under investigation.

According to court documents filed Thursday, the IRS' year-long internal investigation concluded that "it did not identify who was responsible for taking the missing \$600."

But the investigation has become an issue in Bonds' upcoming trial and in the case of cyclist Tammy Thomas, who was convicted last year of lying to a grand jury when she denied using steroids.

U.S. District Judge Susan Illston ordered prosecutors last week to turn over the 136-page Internal Revenue Service report to Bonds' attorneys. Whether they can or will use the report to cross examine Novitzky when he testifies for the government is unclear.

### Grieffy downplays return to Seattle

PEORIA, Ariz. — If Ken Griffey Jr. is about to return to the Seattle Mariners, it's news to him.

"We don't know what we're doing next year with respect to Seattle. It's all rumors," Griffey said Thursday after finishing his round at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am in California.

Yet there are signs this seemingly inevitable final fling between a fading slugger and the team that helped make him a superstar beginning as a teen might be getting closer to reality.

Griffey's agent, Brian Goldberg told The Associated Press in an e-mail that he and the Mariners have talked recently.

And multiple reports earlier Thursday said those talks had intensified in recent days.

The 39-year-old slugger is credited with helping save baseball in Seattle with ma-

## Here comes the heat



STEVEN SENNE/AP

Boston Red Sox right-hander Michael Bowden is a picture of concentration as he follows through on a pitch during practice Thursday in Fort Myers, Fla.

jestic home runs, wall-scaling catches and magnetic charisma while playing his first 11 seasons there through 1999.

### Brewers lock up Looper

MILWAUKEE — Right-hander Braden Looper and the Milwaukee Brewers agreed to a one-year contract with an option for 2010 that could make the deal worth \$12.25 million.

The deal guarantees Looper \$5.5 million. He gets a \$4.75 million salary this season and can make up to \$1 million in performance bonuses based on starts, getting the entire amount with 30.

Milwaukee has a \$6 million option for 2010 with a \$750,000 buyout, but if Looper pitches 180 innings this year it becomes a \$6.5 million option with a \$1 million buyout. Looper, 34, went 12-14 with a 4.16 ERA in 33 starts with St. Louis last season.

### Young gets \$1.1M from Twins

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Delmon Young and the Minnesota Twins agreed to terms on a \$1,152,000, one-year contract.

Young gets a raise from the \$700,000 he made last season, but his salary is technically being cut the maximum allowable 20 percent when the final prorated share of his initial \$3.7 million signing bonus

(\$770,000) is factored in.

Because Tampa Bay gave him a \$5.8 million, five-year deal after selecting him with the first overall pick in the 2003 amateur draft, the \$1,152,000 figure was the least Young could have made in 2009 despite not being eligible for arbitration.

Young is not guaranteed a place in the Twins' starting lineup after coming off a disappointing season — .290 with 10 homers and 69 RBIs.

### Furthermore ...

■ New York Mets ace Johan Santana will not pitch for Venezuela in the World Baseball Classic. Organizers are not willing to pay the high insurance premium required for the Mets to clear Santana after he underwent arthroscopic surgery on his left knee.

■ Ted Uhlaender, an eight-year major leaguer with the Minnesota Twins, Cleveland Indians and Cincinnati Reds, died Thursday of a heart attack. Uhlaender, 68, led the Pacific Coast League in hitting in 1965 with a .340 average.

■ Second baseman Dan Uggla won his arbitration case against the Florida Marlins and was awarded \$5.35 million. The Marlins had offered \$4.4 million.

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## Far East high school basketball tournaments: Feb. 16-21

## Class AA hosts hope home edge continues

By DAVE ORNAUER  
Stars and Stripes

Want to win a Far East High School Class AA Basketball Tournament? The record shows that being the event's host is a good platform toward achieving that goal:

Since 1986, Girls Class AA host teams have reached the title game 17 times; 12 emerged victorious, including the past seven. The boys' host teams have hit Center Court 19 times, winning 12, since 1982.

"Wow," said coach Paul Ettl of Yokota, which hosts Boys Class AA for the first time since 1997; Yokota lost to Kubasaki in that final.

The Panthers, Ettl said, have wanted to host the tournament for "a long time," and got the support they needed from the school and base services.

"We've had a lot of help," Ettl said. "We're happy to get the chance to host it."

Just what gives a host team an edge over the 15 visiting squads? The fact that the players are enjoying their normal routine is the biggest.

"They should be getting more sleep. They're sleeping at home. They're eating at home," said Ettl, who notes from his many years as a visiting coach: "At the end of the week, if you're not sleeping and eating right, you're out of gas."

Playing before familiar faces



GARY CASHMAN/Special to Stars and Stripes

**Seoul American senior Willie Brown, the reigning Far East Class AA Tournament MVP, and the rest of the Falcons will try to repeat as Class AA champions at Yokota. It could be an uphill battle; the host team has won the title 12 times since 1982.**

doesn't hurt, either.

"You get more of a push from the home crowd while playing," said Veronica Tipton-Jones, whose Zama American Trojans are hosting the Girls Class AA tournament for the first time.

Basketball is a game of rhythm and routine, Ettl says. "Hopefully,

by playing at home, we can stay in that normal routine and rhythm."

It also means not having to do split duty as surrogate parent, teacher and chaperone while coaching on the road at Far East. "I've never had that before," Ettl said. "So I don't know what that's going to be like. I may feel like I'm lost while we're not playing."

One area where road teams benefit is the chance to bond at Far East, perhaps the one thing working against a host team.

"We'll do some team meetings and lunches" during the week, Ettl said.

Then, there's wanting to put on as good a show for visiting teams as Ettl and tournament director Tim Pujol can.

"That puts pressure on the host coach," Tipton-Jones said. "You want to do a good tournament. There's a lot of legwork to be done."

Zama has hosted DODDS-Japan softball tournaments before, "but that was five teams," she said. "We've hosted nothing of this magnitude."

Should Girls Class AA director Ed Fogell or Pujol be busy doing something, Tipton-Jones and Ettl become the answer people.

"I guess that's the flip side of it," Ettl said.

It also doesn't hurt that the Panthers boys (26-1) and Trojans girls (17-4) have enjoyed winning seasons, each team's best record since 2005-06.

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## DODDS teams seeking to stop international schools' dominance

By DAVE ORNAUER  
Stars and Stripes

Numbers have a way of revealing trends in DODDS-Pacific Far East High School Basketball Tournaments. Such as the way international schools have pretty much held sway in Class A since the inception of the boys tournament in 1983 and the girls event in 1990.

International schools have won 11 of the 18 Girls Class A tournaments, including three of the past six; the boys' ledger shows only 10 of 26 titles won by DODDS schools, including the past five.

What puts DODDS teams at such disadvantages, and what must they do to overcome what are apparently long odds?

Continuity, both in keeping players throughout high school years and coaches who are in it for the long haul, is perhaps the major reason for the international-school monolith. DODDS athletes are generally at small schools for two years and gone, as are many coaches.

"Those kids play sport after sport together, and they do it for four years," said coach Michelle Chandler of the last DODDS girls team to win a Class A title, Daegu American. "Here, we have kids for two years and we have trouble sometimes just finding enough kids to play."

Despite having won four Class A titles, three with Osan American and one with now-defunct Pusan American, Osan girls coach Bruce Barker said it takes a combination of talent and building team chemistry in a hurry. And he's not always blessed with the

former, he says.

"They're disciplined, their kids execute on the court, they don't give up, they don't get down on themselves. The game is 32 minutes long, and they play right to the end," said Barker, who has just three returnees on his Cougars roster.

Players who bond together for a number of years can predict each other's moves and read the tone of each other's voices on the court; players who stay for a blink of an eye and leave can't develop that, Barker said.

"They have kids for a number of years. It makes a difference," he said.

So why don't DODDS-Pacific Class AA schools have the same problem? Larger enrollments is why, Barker said.

Seoul American, with more than two times Osan's enrollment, "has more of a player pool to choose from," Barker said.

A season ago, with Kristia and Rizalina Suriben in the backcourt and Samantha and Nicole Bossert crashing the boards, E.J. King's girls rang up a 19-7 regular-season record. This year, with all four gone, the Cobras have yet to win a game.

"Last year, we had a pretty solid team in terms of age, seniors and experience," coach Michael Seitz said. "This year, we have no seniors, three juniors and the rest are brand new to basketball. And our win-loss record reflects that, especially against international schools."

Faced with those disadvantages, what's a DODDS coach to do?

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## Class AA tournament capsules

## Boys

**Dates:** Feb. 16-21, 2009.  
**Host:** Yokota High School, Yokota Air Base, Japan.

**Sites:** Capps Gym, Yokota High School, and Samurai Fitness & Sports Center, Yokota Air Base, Japan.

**Participating teams:** Seoul American Falcons (defending champion, other titles in 1996, 2003 and 2004); Kadena Panthers, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa; Father Duenas Memorial Friars, Mangilao, Guam; Yokota Panthers, Yokota Air Base, Japan; Nile C. Kinnick Red Devils, Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan; Okkodo Bulldogs, Guam; Kubasaki Dragons, Camp Foster, Okinawa; Christian Academy in Japan Knights, Tokyo; Zama American Trojans, Camp Zama, Japan; Simon Sanchez Sharks, Yigo, Guam; St. Mary's International Titans, Tokyo; American School in Japan Mustangs, Tokyo; Guam High Panthers, Asan, Guam; John F. Kennedy Islanders, Upper Tumor, Guam; Southern Dolphins, Agat, Guam; Faith Academy Vanguards, Rizal, Philippines.

**Returning All-Far East players:** Sean Eddy, American School in Japan (two-time selection); DeEric Harvin, Yokota; Willie Brown, Seoul American (reigning MVP).

**Format:** Round-robin, 16 teams split into four pools of four teams each, first two days. Modified single-elimination playoffs with consolation, last four days.

**Schedule:** First pool-play games 9 a.m. Monday. Opening ceremony 9 a.m. Tuesday, followed by three-point long-distance shootout and free-throw competition, Capps Gym. Last pool-play games, 6 p.m. Tuesday. First playoff games, 9 a.m. Wednesday. Championship game, 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Closing ceremony follow.

**Awards:** Trophies to top eight teams.

**Most Valuable Player, 16-player All-Tournament team, skills competition winners, Team Sportsmanship Award.**

## Girls

**Dates:** Feb. 16-21, 2009.  
**Host:** Zama American High School, Camp Zama, Japan.

**Sites:** Yano Fitness Center and Trojans Gymnasium, Zama American High School, Camp Zama, and Ranger Fitness & Sports Center, Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan.

**Participants:** Nile C. Kinnick Red Devils, Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan; Faith Academy Vanguards, Rizal, Philippines; Kadena Panthers, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa (defending champion); Kubasaki Dragons, Camp Foster, Okinawa; John F. Kennedy Islanders, Upper Tumor, Guam; Seoul American Falcons, Yongsan Garrison, South Korea; Yokota Panthers, Yokota Air Base, Japan; Zama American Trojans, Camp Zama, Japan; Christian Academy in Japan Knights, Tokyo; American School in Japan Mustangs, Tokyo; Guam High Panthers, Asan, Guam; Simon Sanchez Sharks, Yigo, Guam; Notre Dame Royals, Talofofo, Guam; George Washington Geckos, Mangilao, Guam; Southern Dolphins, Agat, Guam.

**Returning All-Tournament players:** Devanee Taylor (two-time selection), Liz Gleaves, Seoul American; Retsef Alvarez, Kubasaki; Lorien McKinney, Kadena.

**Format:** Round-robin play, 16 teams divided into four pools of four teams each, first two days. Modified single-elimination playoffs with consolation, last four days.

**Schedule:** Opening ceremony 6 p.m. Sunday. First round-robin games, 9 a.m. Monday; last round-robin games, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. Playoffs begin, 9 a.m. Wednesday. Championship game, 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Closing ceremony to follow.

**Awards:** Trophies to top eight teams.

**Most Valuable Player, 15 All-Tournament players, Team Sportsmanship Award, skills competition winners.**

## Class A tournament capsules

## Boys

**Dates:** Feb. 16-20, 2009.  
**Host school:** Robert D. Edgren High School, Misawa Air Base, Japan.

**Sites:** Eagles Nest, Robert D. Edgren High School, and Potter Fitness Center, Misawa Air Base, Japan.

**Participating teams:** Robert D. Edgren Eagles, Misawa Air Base, Japan; Osan American Cougars, Osan Air Base, South Korea; St. Paul Christian Warriors, Tamuning, Guam; Morrison Christian Academy Mustangs, Taichung, Taiwan; E.J. King Cobras, Sasebo Naval Base, Japan; Matthew C. Perry Samurai, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan; Daegu American Warriors, Camp George, South Korea; Yongsan International-Seoul Guardians (defending champion); Korea International Phoenix, Pangyo, South Korea; Hokkaido International Huskies, Sapporo, Japan.

**Returning All-Far East players:** Stephen Hovater, Morrison Christian Academy; Guy Mosley, St. Paul Christian.

**Format:** Round-robin, 12 teams in two pools of six each, first two days. Modified double-elimination playoffs with consolation, all 12 teams eligible, last three days.

**Schedule:** Opening ceremony, 8:45 a.m. Monday at Potter Fitness Center. First pool-play games, 10 a.m. Monday; last pool-play games, 8 p.m. Tuesday. Playoffs begin, 10 a.m. Wednesday. Championship, 4 p.m. Friday. Second game if necessary at 5:30 p.m. All-Star game vs. Hiroaki Jitsugyo following championship game; awards ceremony to follow All-Star game.

**Awards:** Trophies to top five teams.

**Most Valuable Player, 14 All-Tournament team selections.**

## Girls

**Dates:** Feb. 16-20, 2009.  
**Host:** Matthew C. Perry High School, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan.

**Sites:** Ironworks Fitness & Sports Center and Samurai Gymnasium, Matthew C. Perry High School, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan.

**Participants:** International School of the Sacred Heart Symbas, Tokyo; Daegu American Warriors, Camp George, South Korea; Robert D. Edgren Eagles, Misawa Air Base, Japan; Osan American Cougars, Osan Air Base, South Korea; St. Paul Christian Warriors, Tamuning, Guam; Morrison Christian Academy Mustangs, Taichung, Taiwan; E.J. King Cobras, Sasebo Naval Base, Japan; Seisen International Phoenix, Japan; Matthew C. Perry Samurai, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan; Yongsan International-Seoul Guardians; Korea International Phoenix, Pangyo, South Korea; Hiroshima International Cranes, Hiroshima, Japan; International Christian-Uijongbu Eagles, Uijeongbu, South Korea.

**Returning All-Far East player:** Han-nah Arbour, International School of the Sacred Heart.

**Format:** Round-robin, 13 teams split into four pools, one of four teams, the others of three, first two days. Modified double-elimination with consolation, all 13 teams eligible, last three days.

**Schedule:** First round-robin games, 9 a.m. Monday; last round-robin games, 5:45 p.m. Tuesday. Skills competition, Tuesday afternoon. First playoff games, 9 a.m. Wednesday. Championship game, 12:30 p.m. Friday with second game if necessary to follow. Pool A vs. Pool B All-Star Game, 5 p.m. Friday; closing ceremony to follow.

**Awards:** Trophies to top three teams.

**Most Valuable Player, All-Tournament selections.**



## Far East wrestling tournament

## Wood becomes second four-time champ

## Senior 122-pounder leads Kubasaki to Pacific-record 21st team title

By DAVE ORNAUER  
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Scott Wood claims the head-in-arm throw isn't his signature move. On Friday, it was the main reason the Kubasaki senior became the second four-time gold medalist in DODDS-Pacific Far East High School Wrestling Tournament history.

Wood, a 122-pounder, used two head-in-arms to defeat Kadena's J.C. Henderson 2-0, and teammate James McDowell (141) also won gold as the Dragons won their Pacific-record 21st team title as the freestyle competition ended.

"It's usually not my move, but today, it seemed to click," Wood said after joining Kubasaki's Justin L. Miller (1996-99) as a four-time champion. "The last one is always the best one."

Wood's coach, Terry Chumley, said it was also Wood's greatest challenge. "The increase in weight, the competition was fierce. He had to step it up. He turned it on when he needed to."

The team title, Chumley said, "matches completely" the one Kubasaki won four years ago. "Nobody expected us to be here. Flying under the radar was certainly fine with us."

Kubasaki scored 74 points to win the Class AA team title and dethroned Kadena, which finished second with 58 points. Yokota, with a tournament-high four gold medals, was third with 54.

The first Class A championship was won by Osan American, led by gold medalists Jesse Crockett (215) and Michael Gilliam (heavyweight). The Cougars had 23 points; runner-up Robert D.



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**Kubasaki's James McDowell, top, and Kadena's Shanon Lautenschlager battle for control during Friday's 141-pound gold-medal bout in the DODDS-Pacific Far East High School Wrestling Tournament at Camp Foster, Okinawa. McDowell decisively won Lautenschlager 2-1 after Lautenschlager forced a second title bout in the double-elimination format by beating McDowell 2-1.**

Edgren had 16.

"We thank DODDS for establishing the Class A championship," Cougars coach David Hemmer said. "It inspired our kids to work hard."

All six returning champions repeated their gold medals, with varying degrees of difficulty.

The most controversial involved Kadena's Harry Bloom at 148 pounds. He needed to beat Zama American's Elias Labrador twice in the tournament's double-elimination format, and did so by majority 2-1 decisions.

Late in the second bout, Labrador appeared to have scored a takedown to go ahead 2-1. The mat referee signaled

the takedown, and it went up on the scoreboard, but it was not confirmed by the two other officials and was taken off the board, according to international freestyle rules.

The period ended 1-1, with Bloom winning, since he got the last point.

"There was no confirmation. That's why there are three referees," Kadena coach Steve Schrock said. "Harry wrestled back and beat him twice. Sometimes, good things happen to good people."

"It's pretty bad. I had him, all three periods," Labrador said.

Noting that Labrador had chances to pin Bloom in both matches, coach Chris Iredale

said: "They do what they're told, there's no problem. He had him where he could have pinned him."

Yokota's Chris Cournoyer needed a two-point throw in the last period to beat Kubasaki's Cody Allen 2-1 at 115 pounds.

The rest of the returning champs won with relative ease. Yokota's Mark Meade (108) and Tony Presnell (168) superiorly decided their quarries; reigning Far East Outstanding Wrestler Cameron Butts of Nile C. Kinnick pinned Kubasaki's Jon Goddard in 1 minute.

"It's harder to repeat; everyone's after you," Cournoyer said. Butts said he didn't feel added

pressure as a returning champion. "I just took it one match at a time and ended up on top," he said.

Among the new champions, Zama's Michael Spencer (158) accomplished in the Pacific what he failed to do as a freshman in Europe.

"I still want a rematch," Spencer said of his conqueror of last year, Matt Lyon of St. John's International of Brussels. On Friday, Spencer easily pinned Kubasaki's Jake Haynes in 1:50.

Spencer's teammate, Jacob Iredale (180), became a first-time champion by pinning 2007 champion Justin Stokes of Seoul American.

Crockett's and Gilliam's golds at 125 and heavyweight weighed heavily in the Cougars' Class A championship.

"Something new. I've never been a champion before, which is great," Gilliam said.

Like Bloom, McDowell needed two bouts to finally vanquish Kadena's Shanon Lautenschlager, who beat McDowell in last month's Rumble on the Rock at Kubasaki. Yokota's Devin Day (129) had it much easier, pinning Kubasaki's Josh Bales in 1:53.

One first-time champion sounded a warning shot for the future: Kinnick freshman Marcus Boehler (101), who scored a two-period decision over Kubasaki's Zack Standridge.

"Can you believe it?" Kinnick coach and athletics director Nico Hindie said. "He didn't have plans to go out for wrestling. We're happy he did. He's a scrappy guy. He'll be around for four years."

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## High school scoreboard

## Wrestling

DODDS-Pacific Far East Tournament  
At Camp Foster, Okinawa

## Friday

## Freestyle

## Final team standings

1, Kubasaki, 74; 2, Kadena, 58; 3, Yokota, 54; 4, Nile C. Kinnick, 47; 5, Seoul American, 30; 6, Zama American, 29; 7, Guam High, 21.

## Class A

1, Osan American, 23; 2, Robert D. Edgren, 16; 3, Daegu American, 9; 4, E.J. King, 3.

## Friday's double-elimination bouts

## 101 pounds

Marcus Boehler, Nile C. Kinnick, decided Zack Standridge, Kubasaki, 2-0 (4-0, 2-1).

**Fifth place**-Ed Peterson, Yokota, decided Yeejeen Nam, Osan American, 2-0 (5-0, 7-2).

**Third place**-Nick Breier, Kadena, pinned Kortney Martin, Seoul American, 1:40. Martin takes fourth place; Standridge pinned Breier, 3:06. Breier takes third place.

**Championship**-Boehler decided Standridge, 2-0 (7-1, 7-4).

## 108

Jeff Mizell, Kadena, pinned Ben Austin, E.J. King, 3:44; Geoffrey Furner, Seoul American, pinned Alex Hathcock, Nile C. Kinnick, 2:24; Mark Meade, Yokota, superiorly decided Conner Murphy, Guam High, 2-0 (6-0, 9-2).

**Fifth place**-Austin pinned Hathcock, 1:18.

**Third place**-Furner pinned Mizell, 3:33. Mizell takes fourth place; Furner decided Murphy, 2-0 (9-4, 8-6). Murphy takes third place.

**Championship**-Meade superiorly decided Furner, 2-0 (6-0, 8-0).

## 115

Alex Suh, Seoul American, pinned Anthony Cruz, Guam High, 1:31; Aaron Avila, Kadena, pinned Jake Davis, Osan American, 5:59; Chris Cournoyer, Yokota, pinned Cody Allen, Kubasaki, 1:01.

**Fifth place**-Anthony Cruz, Guam High, pinned Jake Davis, Osan American, 2:00.

**Fourth place**-Avila decided Suh, 2-0 (6-4, 9-5). Suh takes fourth place; Allen decided Avila, 2-0 (5-3, 4-0). Avila takes third place.

**Championship**-Cournoyer decided Allen, 2-1 (0-3, 3-0, 3-0).

## 122

Keith Johnson, Robert D. Edgren, pinned Marlowe Gonzales, Nile C. Kinnick, 1:43; Nick Guzman, Yokota, decided Darren Perez, Guam High, 2-1 (6-6 last point, 1-1 last point, 2-0); Scott Wood, Kubasaki, decided Jordan Castillo-Henderson, Kadena, 2-1 (1-0, 1-2, 2-1).

**Fifth place**-Perez decided Gonzales, 2-0 (4-0, 2-0).

**Third place**-Guzman superiorly decided Johnson, 2-0 (6-0, 7-0). Johnson takes fourth place; Henderson decided Guzman, 2-1 (0-2, 4-0, 1-0 OT clinch). Guzman takes third place.

**Championship**-Wood decided Henderson, 2-0 (3-0, 6-2).

## 129

Tim Pounds, Robert D. Edgren, pinned Tae Hon Paschal, Kadena, 3:56; Elijah Gamble, Nile C. Kinnick, decided Za'Cory Scott, E.J. King, 2-0 (1-0, 3-2); Devin Day, Yokota, pinned Josh Bales, Kubasaki, 5:14.

**Fifth place**-Paschal pinned Scott, 3:19.

**Third place**-Pounds pinned Gamble, 2:46. Gamble takes fourth place; Bales pinned Johnson, 1:19. Johnson takes third place.

**Championship**-Day pinned Bales, 1:53.

## 135

Jacob Bishop, Kadena, decided Cory Peckins, Osan American, 2-0 (3-1, 6-0); Jon Goddard, Kubasaki, decided Johnathan Day, Robert D. Edgren, 2-0 (7-5, 13-6); Cameron Butts, Nile C. Kinnick, pinned Devon Newbold, Guam High, 2:59.

**Fifth place**-Day decided Peckins, 2-0 (6-0, 5-0).

**Third place**-Goddard decided Bishop, 2-1 (3-0, 0-2, 2-1). Bishop takes fourth place; Goddard decided Newbold, 2-0 (2-0, 3-1). Newbold takes third place.

**Championship**-Butts pinned Goddard, 1:00.

## 141

Erick Kingsley, Seoul American, pinned A.J. De Los Santos, Daegu American, 1:26; Shanon Lautenschlager, Kadena, decided John Iredale, Zama American, 2-0 (3-0, 2-0); James McDowell, Kubasaki, decided Philip Bayani, Nile C. Kinnick, 2-0 (1-1 last point, 1-0);

**Fifth place**-Iredale pinned De Los Santos, 3:33.

**Third place**-Lautenschlager pinned Kingsley, 2:58. Kingsley takes fourth place; Lautenschlager decided Bayani, 2-0 (5-0, 2-1). Bayani takes third place.

**Championship**-Lautenschlager decided McDowell, 2-1 (7-1, 2-3, 5-2); McDowell decided Lautenschlager, 2-0 (3-2, 7-1).

## 148

Bryce Edminister, Robert D. Edgren, decided Daniel Bequillard, Seoul American, 2-0 (3-1, 4-2); Dereck Youngblood, Nile C. Kinnick, pinned Chris Paul, Kubasaki, 1:45; Elias Labrador, Zama American, decided Harry Bloom, Kadena, 2-1 (1-7, 5-0, 2-0).

**Fifth place**-Paul decided Bequillard, 2-0 (1-0, 4-2).

**Third place**-Youngblood pinned Edminister, 1:13. Edminister takes fourth

place; Bloom pinned Youngblood, 1:25. Youngblood takes third place.

**Championship**-Bloom decided Labrador, 2-1 (0-1, 1-0, 5-3); Bloom decided Labrador, 2-1 (5-5 big point, 1-4, 1-1 last point).

## 158

Jake Haynes, Kubasaki, decided Greg Jones, Daegu American, 2-1 (3-0, 2-5, 2-1); Darrel Morris, Robert D. Edgren, decided Demetrius Johnson, Seoul American, 2-0 (7-3, 6-1); Michael Spencer, Zama American, pinned Andrew Conkling, Yokota, 3:18.

**Fifth place**-Johnson decided Jones, 2-0 (6-5, 4-1).

**Third place**-Haynes decided Morris, 2-1 (1-8, 4-1, 5-1). Morris takes fourth place; Haynes decided Conkling, 2-0 (3-1, 1-0). Conkling takes third place.

**Championship**-Spencer pinned Haynes, 1:50.

## 168

Tony Presnell, Yokota, decided Dillon Bush, Kadena, 2-0 (2-0, 5-0).

**Fifth place**-Yoo Han, Seoul American, pinned Lambert Patis, Guam High, 3:59.

**Third place**-Randy Candelaria, Kubasaki, decided Nick Gibbons, Nile C. Kinnick, 2-0 (3-0, 4-2). Gibbons takes fourth place; Bush decided Candelaria, 2-0 (5-0, 4-3). Candelaria takes third place.

**Championship**-Presnell superiorly decided Bush, 2-0 (7-1, 8-0).

## 180

Matt Payne, Kubasaki, pinned Jake Suthers, Guam High, 1:30; Alex Pelky, Kadena, pinned Sayer Austin, Yokota, 1:50; Jacob Iredale, Zama American, pinned Justin Stokes, Seoul American, 3:12.

**Fifth place**-Austin pinned Suthers, 3:37.

**Third place**-Payne pinned Pelky, 1:52. Pelky takes fourth place; Stokes decided Payne, 2-0. Payne takes third place.

**Championship**-Iredale pinned Stokes, 1:47.

## 215

Kyle Patterson, Kubasaki, decided David de los Santos, Nile C. Kinnick, 2-0 (7-0, 4-1); Tyler Broome, Kadena, decided Nico Scholl, Seoul American, 2-0 (4-0, 2-0); Jesse Crockett, Osan American, decided Kevin Moller, Daegu American, 2-0 (4-0, 5-0).

**Fifth place**-de los Santos decided Scholl, 2-0 (7-0, 1-0).

**Third place**-Patterson decided Broome, 2-1 (0-1, 3-1, 3-1). Broome takes fourth place; Moller pinned Patterson, 5:52. Patterson takes third place.

**Championship**-Crockett superiorly decided Moller, 2-0 (7-1, 6-0).

## Heavyweight

Michael Gilliam, Osan American, decided Mikkarie Curry, Nile C. Kinnick, 2-0 (1-0, 1-0).

**Fifth place**-Jack Miller, Kubasaki, pinned William Franklin, Seoul American, 1:02.

**Third place**-Thomas French, Guam High, pinned Gabe Ahner, 3:40. Ahner takes fourth place; Curry pinned French, 1:43. French takes third place.

**Championship**-Gilliam decided Curry, 2-1 (0-1, 4-0, 4-0).

## Japan

## Boys basketball

## Friday's summary

## Yokota 64, Nile C. Kinnick 51

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**Scoring**-Yokota, DeEric Harvin 26, Bradley Forbes 15, Keron Brown 14, Anthony Phillips 12; Kinnick, Devin Lewis 20, Tyree Hunt 13.



## SPORTS

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to overcome international  
schools' domination in Class A

## CAPITAL GAINS

By JOSEPH WHITE  
The Associated Press

## After decades-long struggle, red-hot Caps transforming D.C. into another Hockeytown

ARLINGTON, Va. — Laura Pormann isn't much of a sports fan, so she was a little puzzled a while back when a co-worker announced he had named his dog "Ovie."

"I was like, 'What does that mean?'" Pormann said. "Then he starts talking about Ovechkin."

One thing led to another, and so it was that on a recent Friday at 11:30 a.m. the 39-year-old from Burke, Va., was standing at the edge of an indoor rink atop a parking garage in the Washington suburbs. She and another hockey-mad co-worker were sneaking a few minutes on the way to a meeting to watch reigning MVP Alex Ovechkin and the Washington Capitals go through a practice.

Next on her itinerary: getting to a game.

"Before the season's over," she said with a smile.

She might want to buy her ticket now.

It's suddenly in vogue to be a hockey fan in the nation's capital, where the sport has struggled for 35 years to rise above niche status. The only team in Washington that is proving to be both slump-proof in the standings and recession-proof at the gate, the Southeast Division-leading Capitals are 22-4-1 at the Verizon Center and on pace to break franchise attendance records.

"When you get the support that we're getting, which is probably unprecedented in this area, you get a defiance and a determination every time you step on the ice at home," coach Bruce Boudreau said. "It's a pretty cool feeling to have."

The Capitals have sold out 12 of their past 13 home games and are averaging 18,018 fans, up 27 percent from this time last year and the highest average through 27 home games in franchise history. They had only eight sellouts last season, but Boudreau noted recently that it now feels odd — and that it affects his players' performance — when they play before small, tranquil crowds on some road trips.

Last month, for the first time in recent memory, Capitals red overhauled Flyers orange in the Verizon Center stands dur-

ing a game against Philadelphia, prompting Flyers center Jeff Carter to say: "They're starting to get some fans now, I guess. We can't buy all the tickets."

A midweek game against a Western Conference foe used to guarantee a dead building, but even the recent Thursday night game against Los Angeles drew a full house, the first Capitals sellout against the Kings since 1995. The fans keep coming up with new ways to put their stamp on the game: It's now customary to shout "red" during the line about the "rockets' red glare" during the singing of the national anthem.

"Two years ago, if you had tickets for the Penguins, you almost didn't want to go to the game," said Doug Benskin of Ashburn, Va., the co-worker who brought Pormann to the practice. "No. 1, you knew you were going to be beat, and there were always more of their fans in the house than ours."

"It's not that way now. We drown them out."

In one of his recent online posts, team owner Ted Leonsis proclaimed Washington as "a Caps hockey town." That might be a bit premature, but a city that has always been Redskins first, last and always is definitely paying more attention. In fact, Ovechkin has clearly become Washington's No. 1 sports star — ahead of the Redskins' Clinton Portis (who seemed to spend all of last season grumbling about one thing or another) and the Wizards' Gilbert Arenas (who hasn't played all season because of a knee injury).

For years, the prevalent theory held that there were about 15,000 die-hard hockey fans in the area, and that no one else would give the sport the time of day. The Capitals are finally bursting through that ice ceiling.

"When I moved here, I was surprised how relaxed the atmosphere was," said 2008 trade deadline acquisition Sergei Fedorov, a veteran of the real Hockeytown as a longtime member of the Detroit Red Wings. But then we started winning, then we got recognized everywhere we went. It was exciting. I ask the guys who played here a few years, and they were like, 'Wow.' Amazed. Everywhere we go it was good to see

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Nick Wass/AP

Washington's Alex Ovechkin, center, celebrates his goal with Alexander Semin, left, and Mike Green during the third period against the Los Angeles Kings on Feb. 5 in Washington. The Southeast Division-leading Capitals are 22-4-1 at the Verizon Center, and attendance is up 27 percent from this time last year.

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